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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD, METROVIEW, PAGE 24



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## Resurgent Herd evens the score

The Shawinigan Cataractes' Gabriel Sylvestre, left, and goalie Marvin C pper try to block a shot from the Mooseheads' Connor Moynihan at the Halifax Forum on Wednesday. The Herd won 4-3 to tie the playoff series 2-2. Story, page 34. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Riders vent transit woe on Twitter

#MAKETRANSITBETTER  
**Town hall nets ideas and snark**  
Haley Ryan  
Metro | Halifax

The latest town-hall meeting on Halifax transit's redesign had staff staring into computer screens for more than an hour on Wednesday.  
Halifax Transit's Twitter town hall from 2 to 3:30 p.m. generated dozens of questions from residents asking about route changes and frequency and questioning how many consultants even used it.  
"I'm calling for all metro transit management to commute on the bus. If it's good enough for us, it's good enough for them,"

@VarSlashWww tweeted. They also asked Mayor Mike Savage to set "a bold example" by using transit for official business. Others brought up ideas like transit Wi-Fi, rush-hour frequencies all day and an overnight route — or at least one that ran until bars closed on weekends. One person suggested fining smokers at bus shelters to cut down on litter and create revenue, while others asked for a cross-town north-end corridor and discounts for students who can't use their IDs to board the bus. A few asked about plans for transit priority lanes, since "buses stuck in traffic aren't very efficient," to which Halifax Transit replied it is "working on ways to measure cost/benefit to help find the best places for investment." Many asked to have the next town hall outside work hours so more people could join in.

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## IN BRIEF

### Transit, trash, shopping adjustments for Easter Weekend

Halifax residents who use the bus or have garbage collection normally scheduled for the weekend need to make some adjustments this week.

HRM is reminding residents that there will be no collection of garbage, organics or recyclables on Good Friday. Curbside collection normally scheduled for Friday will take place on Saturday, April 4.

The normal bag limits will be doubled on Saturday to accommodate for collection that was cancelled two weeks ago by a snowstorm.

The Otter Lake landfill will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, but open for regular hours on Saturday and Monday.

The Household Special Waste Depot will be closed Saturday, April 4, and will reopen Saturday, April 11.

Halifax Transit buses will be on holiday schedules on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and ferries will not be running.

Buses and ferries will run on normal schedules on Saturday and Monday.

More information is available online at [Halifax.ca/transit](http://Halifax.ca/transit).

Shopping schedules may also need to be altered, as Good Friday and Easter Sunday are designated retail closing days in Nova Scotia. Grocery stores, malls and NSLC outlets will be closed for the day on both days. METRO

# Children learn about cents and sensibility

## EDUCATION

### Youngsters get a lesson in money management

Madison Blanchard  
Metro | Halifax

The kids who packed a program room on the second floor of the Halifax Central Library Wednesday were barely old enough to be mastering basic arithmetic — but that's old enough for them to start learning about money.

The Canadian Foundation for Economic Education hosted a promotion event Wednesday for their upcoming Talk With Your Kids About Money (TWYKAM) day.

The annual event is intended to get parents talking to their children about money and teaching them some basics about finances, something the president of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education says needs to happen earlier and more often.

"A lot of parents aren't talking to their kids about money," said Gary Rabbior. "They often feel that they don't know enough to talk about it."



Faiqa Omer, left, leads a group of her Grade 3 classmates from Oxford School in reading their findings from a group survey about money at the Halifax Central Library on Wednesday. MADISON BLANCHARD/FOR METRO

Rabbior said that by high school, kids' attitudes toward money and how they make financial decisions have already been decided — and they can be difficult to change.

He said good financial literacy starts with parents at home.

"When you don't feel confident about something, you don't take the initiative, but it's fairly easy," he said.

Grade 3 students from Oxford School presented the results of an informal survey they conducted at their school on what students knew about money, which included the idea that credit cards were just money that you could spend without paying back — something the presenters said they now know is incorrect.

Eight-year-old Faiqa Omer, one of the presenters, said she

learned a lot from the project.

"I learned that even if you have a lot of money, like over \$1,000, you should still be careful with it," she said, adding she previously believed you could "just get money from anywhere."

She said her father came along to the library Wednesday to support her — and to learn a thing or two.

"I told him there was going

## + TIME TO TALK

April 15 is the formal Talk With Our Kids About Money day in Canada.

to be a program at the library ... and he said, 'I'll come, too, because I want to learn something. Even though I'm an adult, I haven't learned that much about money,' she said.

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# Man's search for doctor has him at breaking point

## HEALTH CARE

**A dozen physicians have said no to Tony MacIntyre**



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

Tony MacIntyre breaks down in tears when he thinks about having to quit his prescription pain medication cold turkey.

"I'm scared," the 51-year-old said, between sobs, from his Clayton Park apartment on Wednesday. "Because ... I could die. There's no way I can handle this. This is nuts."

In the past six months, MacIntyre says 12 doctors — eight over the phone, three in person and most recently one at a walk-in clinic — have refused to take him as a patient.

That means the man, who is close to 700 pounds and suffers from a litany of medical conditions such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and sleep apnea, has no family physician.

MacIntyre's search for a family doctor is getting desperate. He says his prescription pain medications run out in the next two months, which he fears will cause severe withdrawal.

He says he was prescribed daily doses of Hydromorph and Hydromorph contin nearly two years ago for back pain while in rehab recovering from sepsis — a condition typically treated by antibiotics, but which, due to MacIntyre's weight, resulted in a complete loss of mobility.



**Tony MacIntyre poses for a portrait in his Clayton Park apartment building on Wednesday. "There's no way I can handle this," he says of his serious health problems.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

"I just assumed it was something for pain," he recalled of the drugs. "I didn't know it was narcotics. God's truth. I did not know it was."

He was last treated by a doctor at the Duffus Medical Centre. But last fall, after a verbal exchange between his son and another patient — whom MacIntyre says was staring — clinical staff informed him he was no longer welcome as a patient, despite the fact he "begged" numerous times and offered to write a letter of apology.



**I want off the damned drug. I'd like to go cold turkey, but I'm not strong enough.**

Tony MacIntyre

"I'm a target for humiliation," MacIntyre said, adding people have even taken his photograph while out in public.

Today, MacIntyre insists he wants off the drugs and needs to be under regular doctor's supervision to manage po-

tential complications. Yet, he has been outright refused by physicians who told him they do not deal with patients on narcotics.

"I want to make it very clear that I'm not selling it, I'm not abusing it. I'm following it to a T ... I'm not playing games."

# 16

The number of pills Tony MacIntyre takes every morning to manage his health issues.

Kevin Chapman, director of health policy and promotion for Doctors Nova Scotia, calls the situation "deplorable."

"It's not acceptable ... it's a reflection of the strain on the system," he said.

Chapman said every Nova Scotian benefits from access to a family doctor, especially those who suffer from chronic health problems.

However, he says most family practices are overwhelmed and must assess whether they have the resources to properly care for new patients.

MacIntyre's situation is made even more complicated by the "insidious" nature of prescription drug abuse, which carries legal and medical liabilities and prevents doctors from taking on new patients who manage their pain through narcotics initially prescribed by a different doctor.

"The system, Capital District Health, others need to help this individual," Chapman said, adding there are definitely physicians who are comfortable with prescription drugs — the issue is just finding one.

In the meantime, MacIntyre says, he's not giving up, even if his struggles takes him to the emergency room.

"I need help."

## HEALTH AUTHORITIES

# Merger won't be noticed: CEO

The CEO of the Nova Scotia Health Authority, which replaced nine health authorities across the province Wednesday, said people accessing health services won't see any change as a result of the new organization taking over.

"From the perspective of patients and people coming for health services, it will be exactly the same," said Janet Knox. "The services that are here today will be here tomorrow."

She said differences will only be seen at the administration and governance levels of the amalgamated health system. Instead of nine boards, there will be one, and instead of nine executive leadership teams, there will be one.

Knox said all CEO and vice-president positions with the former authorities were eliminated. A total of 70 positions were eliminated across the province, with about one-third of those people finding jobs within the new health authority.

Knox, a former registered nurse and administrator, said the new structure will allow for planning from a population perspective that didn't exist previously.

"This is an opportunity created for us at the health system to plan provincially and use our resources to their very best across the province."

The consolidated authority is expected to save millions of dollars with bulk purchasing, while establishing a uniform standard of care across the province.

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# New fire technology welcomed

## FIRST RESPONDERS

### Improvements will speed up service, says deputy chief



**Stephanie Taylor**  
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Halifax's deputy fire chief remembers what the current chief first said about our service's technology when he arrived two years ago.

"He joked and said the technology he had in Toronto in the late '80s, we haven't had here yet," Roy Hollett said on Wednesday. "We're a little bit behind the times."

Hollett said he was pleased on Tuesday when city council approved a motion to endorse a five-year technology road map, which will see upgrades to many of the service's dispatch policies and procedures.

Hollett said 16 new upgrades in total would be implemented over the next five



**Firefighters battle a blaze on Portland Place last year. A five-year, multimillion-dollar plan has been approved to upgrade and install automation programs and apps.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

years.

Most of the improvements involve automating the day-to-day activities of the dispatchers to improve response times.

He said some highlights include installing new GPS tracking software for fire trucks.

Currently, he says when

someone dials 911 for a fire emergency, a dispatcher records their location and then must manually choose the closest station, where a com-

mander must answer whether they have a truck able to respond or if a dispatcher should look elsewhere.

With the new software, Hollett explained dispatchers would be able to enter the address of a fire into a system that will show the location of the nearest truck — not station.

"It means you're going to get faster response times," he said Wednesday.

"Instead of selecting a station which could be five or 10 minutes away, there could be a truck closer."

Other changes include better communication with volunteer firefighters. He said right now, volunteers have to arrive at their home station first to notify a dispatcher they are able to respond to a fire.

Meanwhile, dispatchers are busy contacting other volunteers, not knowing if someone is en route.

Hollett said the service will now introduce an app called IAmResponding, which allows volunteers to notify dispatch immediately after they re-

## + REVIEW

Adopting the five-year technology road map was one of the many recommendations in the Fire Services Operational Review.

ceive a page.

As a result, operators will have more clarity as to who is responding and what their skill set is, which in turn allows them to plan a better response, he explained.

Other changes include installations of automated computers, similar to those in police cruisers, on all trucks and introducing software that will collect hard data on the HRM's fire service.

He said those statistics would be able to calculate the odds of a fire occurring in a particular area, which is critical when an emergency requires a robust response from multiple stations and a decision must be made as to call in backup to cover other areas.

## NOVA STAR CRUISES

### Province spends another \$2 million promised for ferry

The Nova Scotia government has spent another \$2 million of the \$13 million promised this year to assist the operators of the ferry between Yarmouth and Portland, Me.

Economic Development Minister Michel Samson says with the latest payment, Nova Star Cruises has received \$4 million of the amount promised for the upcoming sailing season, which is scheduled to begin June 1.

Samson says he also received a verbal agreement from the owners of the vessel, S.T. Marine, for \$3 million to be paid back to the Nova Scotia government as part of the original contract that relaunched the ferry run last year.

He says details of the payment are currently being finalized by lawyers and will be released once a formal deal is struck.

Nova Star Cruises says the

latest payment will help it cover the costs of a number of expenses including recertification, vessel maintenance and repair, and sales and marketing.

The province spent \$28.5 million to subsidize the inaugural season of the ferry, which included a \$21-million loan that was supposed to last seven years but was spent in the first two months of its operation.

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**The Nova Star is pictured. Another \$2 million in funding from the province will help cover expenses like sales and maintenance, says Nova Star Cruises.** THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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# Settlement in clawback case

## COURT

## 'Deficiencies' of N. S. policy highlighted, says MLA

A woman who was left unable to speak or walk following a car accident has reached a settlement with the Nova Scotia government after the province attempted to claw back her insurance settlement.

The government was attempting to claw back a \$1 million insurance settlement that Joellan Huntley received following the crash in 1996. The woman's family went to court in an effort to fight the move.

Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard originally defended the court action, saying there was an expectation that people should have to pay for care provided by the province.

Bernard said Wednesday it's

now clear to her that there are flaws in her department's policy and the government needed to act in the best interests of Huntley and her family.

"This policy needed to be updated, it needed to be looked at from a family-centric point of view," said Bernard. "No other family should ever have to go to court over this situation again in the province."

Bernard and Raymond Wagner, Huntley's lawyer, said the terms of the settlement were confidential. Wagner said the agreement took into account Huntley's long-term care concerns and the fiscal interests of the province.

Bernard said it was likely the province would pay court costs, although that hadn't been determined yet.

She announced in December that it would review the government's policy around insurance settlements for those who have suffered catastrophic injuries. She said she expects to announce



**It has been a long and complicated process.**

Louise Misener

changes during the current sitting of the legislature.

"In this case it really highlighted the deficiencies of that policy," said Bernard.

Huntley's mother Louise Misener said she hopes her daughter's case brings about positive changes so that no other families will have to endure a similar drawn-out fight.

"It is my hope that no other families have to go through what our family has been involved with over the last decade in trying to provide care and comfort for our child," said Misener in a statement.

"It has been a long and complicated process."

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Minister Joanne Bernard said Wednesday it is now clear that there are flaws in her department's policy. METRO FILE

## IN BRIEF

### No injuries in collapse of arena roof, walls

A commercial alarm sounding at the Newport and District Arena on Wednesday was no joke.

The rink's roof collapsed, along with a portion of the building's walls.

Brooklyn firefighters and the Kings County Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Emergency Response team responded because of a possible ammonia leak that resulted from the collapse.

The rink commissioner, Garnett Davison, said there was one person in the building when it collapsed April 1 around 3 p.m. The person was in a changing room, but was not injured.

He said they hope to rebuild the arena, if they can.

The building is insured, but Davison said he's not sure if it will cover all of the costs to replace it.

As part of the Birthplace of Hockey Tournament, hundreds of children from across the province played in the rink during the two weekends surrounding March break.

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# Disabled tall ship saved

## ENGINE FAILURE

### Coast guard picks up nine people aboard

A disabled Nova Scotia tall ship that suffered a series of equipment failures off the U.S. East Coast has been towed inshore.

A spokesman with the U.S.

Coast Guard says Liana's Ransom is near Portsmouth, N.H., at a mooring off the neighbouring community of Eliot, Me.

Ross Ruddell says the schooner replica was towed by a private contractor into the mooring at about midnight Wednesday under escort by the coast guard.

He said the ship had been demasted.

The 26-metre, steel-hulled

ship ran into trouble when its engine failed and the mainsail became tangled with the mast, prompting the captain to call for help.

All nine people on board leapt from the hobbled ship to a waiting coast guard boat in a rescue that was complicated by rough seas and heavy winds.

Ryan Tilley, the tall ship's captain, says he was heading to the area to inspect the vessel.

Tilley, 24, says a series of frustrating equipment failures — affecting both engines and a generator — eventually forced the crew to leap to the safety of a rescue boat.

"In all my times in sailing I'd never seen that many things go wrong that quickly," he said in a phone interview from Gloucester, Mass., after the rescue.

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A video screen grab shows U.S. Coast Guard crews rescuing nine crew members from the tall ship Liana's Ransom Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT



Lobster boats are shown docked in Eastern Passage. The ice has usually disappeared by April 9. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## THICK ICE

### Lobster fishermen banking on winds

The fate of this year's lobster season all depends on the winds.

Ice conditions in the Northumberland Strait are heavier than usual, which is of concern to fishermen — but that could change.

"We need winds in the right direction for the right amount of time," said Ronnie Heighton, president of the Northumberland Fishermen's Association.

Sustained westerly winds will blow the ice out of the strait, but if those winds don't occur, the ice will stay around until warmer temperatures cause it to melt.

"We always have concerns when it looks like it may delay the season," said Heighton.

He adds that the lobster fishing season in the area is short — only two months — so any-

thing that may cause a late start is "worrisome."

Rebecca Acton-Bond, acting superintendent of ice for the Atlantic region of the Canadian Coast Guard, said ice conditions in the Charlottetown-Pictou area of the Northumberland Strait are quite a bit worse than last winter, with it being thicker and covering larger areas.

She said if winds are coming from the east-southeast, then the ice will stay there until the temperatures warm up.

"We need a lot of westerly winds to flush out the ice," she said.

Acton-Bond said historically the ice starts to break up around March 26, and by April 9, it's usually gone from the strait.

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## RESERVATIONS

### Get set to book your summer campsites

It's a hopeful sign that spring is on the way.

The toll-free reservation phone line and website for booking campsites in provincial parks will be active on Thursday.

According to a release from the province, it's the 10th year that Nova Scotians can book reservations online. About 80 per cent of campsite bookings are made by campers before arriving at a park.

Seven of 20 provincial parks are changing to self-registration this year. Campers can either book ahead online or by phone, or can use the phone at the park's front gate to book and pay for a site upon arrival.

The reservation fee is \$9, with a \$7 cancellation fee. The reservation system is available at novascotiaparks.ca or 1-888-544-3434 between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m.

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# Nurse 'shocked' by ticket after parking in snowy lot

## DRIVING

### Spokesman for Impark agrees leniency should have been shown



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Parking anywhere has been hard enough for Haligonians this winter, but one nurse and her shovel are showing private lots can bring just as many headaches.

Sheryl Longard, a nurse at the Victoria General Hospital, spent the better part of an hour when she was called in last Wednesday circling the area looking for a spot because street parking wasn't allowed.

"I thought, 'I've got a shovel in the car. I should just shovel out a spot,'" Longard said this week.

After another half-hour, Longard had managed to dig out a space in a lot run by Imperial Parking Corp., also known as Impark, across from the IWK Health Centre on South Street.

Many cars were parked haphazardly in snow banks and facing different directions, as it was impossible to tell where the



**It just didn't seem right.**

Sheryl Longard

parking space lines were under snow and ice, Longard said.

After paying for a day pass, Longard said she thought nothing of the situation until she found a ticket on her windshield when she returned after 5 p.m.

"I was shocked and really disappointed," Longard said, adding the situation seemed arbitrary since not every car in the lot had been ticketed, and some were in more precarious spots than hers.

Longard said the reason given on the ticket was that her car was parked in a lane, but she said there was no lane since the snow had "overtaken everything," and others could still get by.

After speaking with Impark to contest her \$75 ticket, Longard said a representative waived the ticket because she had no "previous infractions," but if the same thing happened again, Longard would likely get a second one.

Impark spokesman Julian Jones said Wednesday it "makes absolute sense" that a person shouldn't be penalized for parking outside the lines, or in a certain space, in a case like this.

"(If) a customer is having a problem because of the lot not being properly maintained or snow freshly down ... clearly we're going to show leniency because that's just the right thing to do," Jones said.

While Longard said she was happy the ticket was waived, she is worried about parking there again if local Impark employees keep ticketing when spaces aren't clearly visible.



Sheryl Longard says her car was unfairly ticketed in this South Street parking lot. HALEY RYAN/METRO

## IN BRIEF

### New law to allow city to disclose officials' salaries

Proposed legislative changes to the Halifax Charter would allow the municipality to disclose the salaries of its senior officials.

Municipal Affairs Minister Mark Furey says the changes to the provincial law are being made at the request of the Halifax Regional Municipality. He says the changes would allow the municipality to set thresholds for disclosure and designate which agencies boards and commissions would be subject to the new rules.

The provincial threshold for salary disclosure is \$100,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Man gets one year in jail for buying weapons online

A Halifax man was sentenced to more than a year in jail last week after the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) said he bought stun guns and brass knuckles online.

According to a release from CBSA, 30-year-old Nicholas Donald Surette was sentenced in Dartmouth court to 30 months in jail for charges under the Customs Act, Criminal Code and Controlled Drug and Substance Act.

An investigation revealed Surette had imported stun guns and brass knuckles by mail, with the intent to sell them in Canada. CBSA officers searched Surette's residence and seized an additional two stun guns, one set of brass knuckles, and 1.8 kilograms of marijuana. METRO

## WASTE COLLECTION NOTICE GARBAGE/ORGANICS/RECYCLABLES

### Easter

Please be advised that there will be no garbage, organics or recyclables collection services on Good Friday April 3rd 2015. Collection services for that day will be provided the next day Saturday, April 4th, 2015. Regular collection will resume on Monday, April 6th.

Collection Services can begin as early as 7am. To ensure collection please place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day.

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Airport Firefighters work at the crash site of AC624 that crashed early Sunday morning during a snowstorm, at Stanfield International Airport on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Wreckage of plane taken off runway

### AIR CANADA

#### Repairs, assessment still required

The wreckage of an Air Canada plane that crashed Sunday has been removed from the Halifax airport's main runway, which will remain out of operation until damage is assessed and any necessary repairs are made, the airport authority said Wednesday.

The battered wreck of Flight 624 and its remnants, including an engine, landing gear and nose cone, were taken off the tarmac at Halifax Stanfield International Airport overnight, spokeswoman Ashley Gallant said.

The runway, one of two at the airport, will undergo an inspection, and repairs will be carried out as needed before it is cleared

for use, Gallant said in a statement. Nav Canada has begun assessing navigational aids that were damaged when the plane crashed and the runway's availability will be limited until they are repaired, she said.

The removal of the aircraft comes a day after the Transportation Safety Board said it had finished its examination of the site where the plane slammed into the ground about 335 metres short of the runway, then skidded on its belly on the runway for another 335 metres before stopping.

The board said it will maintain possession of the aircraft for further examination as it investigates what happened.

The Airbus A320 was flying from Toronto carrying 133 passengers and five crew on board.

All survived, though 25 people were sent to hospital.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

### TRURO

## Golfers can expect delay in season

For those golfers who have been getting antsy about hitting the links, chances are your clubs will be gathering dust for a tad longer.

"All we can say for sure is that it is going to be a delayed opening," said Stuart Cox with the Truro Golf Club.

Cox said club officials are waiting for the snow to dissipate to see if there is any damage to the greens and fairways.

Cox said there's some concern about how much snow and ice cover remains as the temperature begins to rise. TRURO DAILY NEWS

### IN BRIEF

#### RCMP look for man suspected of masturbating near elementary school

RCMP in the Annapolis Valley are looking for a man they say was masturbating near an elementary school.

According to a release, a man drove into the parking lot of a school on Victoria Road in Aylesford where four young girls were walking around.

The girls went into a nearby home, then saw a light flashing into the window and

looked outside to see the man masturbating in his van. The man drove away when a parent entered the room.

The suspect is described as a white man between 40 and 50 years old, overweight with scruffy facial hair, wearing jeans and a green T-shirt.

He was driving an older model red or burgundy minivan with no hubcaps.

Anyone with information is asked to contact RCMP or Crime Stoppers. METRO

#### Annapolis Royal man facing drugs, weapons charges

Police say an Annapolis Royal man is due in court in July to face drug and weapons charges after a search at a home this week.

According to a release, members of the Annapolis District RCMP and of the Annapolis Royal Police Service searched a home in Annapolis Royal on Monday, March 30.

The search turned up

crack cocaine, marijuana, restricted and prohibited firearms, ammunition, and other weapons that included throwing knives and a crossbow.

A 22-year-old man was arrested the next day outside his home. Police say he was in possession of cocaine and cash at the time.

He's due in Annapolis Royal provincial court on July 6.

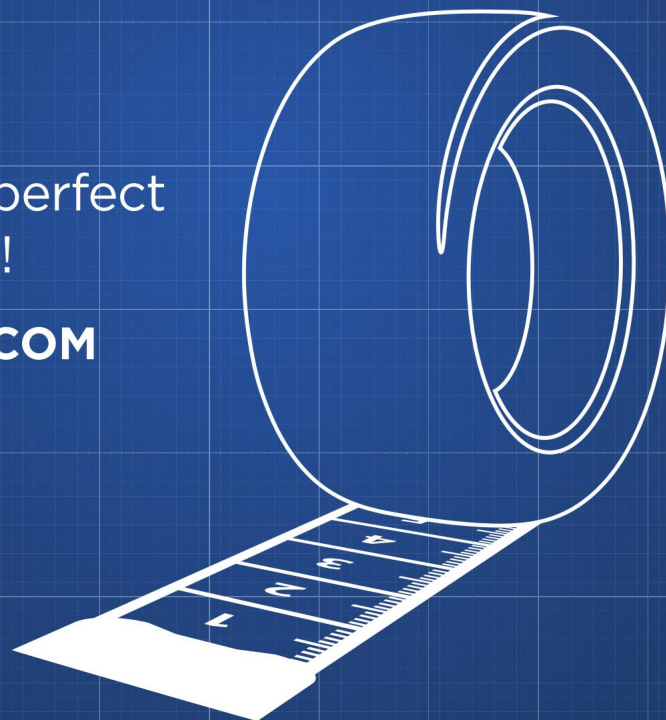
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# Local musicians struggle to balance solo, band careers

## BACKSTAGE PASS

**Despite cover band fame, booking solo gigs is difficult**

**Aly Thomson**  
Metro | Halifax

Anyone who has sipped on pints at the Lower Deck in Halifax knows the band Signal Hill.

But if you asked those same people who Jason Campbell is, they might not know the answer — yet.

Campbell, Signal Hill's front man, has just released a new solo album called "Missing Signals."

But he said it's been difficult trying to balance his solo career with his career in Signal Hill.

"When I recorded this album, I maybe got three nights off a week, and when the kids went to bed, I was recording until 4 a.m.," said Campbell. "It's pretty hard to fit it all in."

Many of Halifax's up-and-coming musicians are struggling to balance their careers as cover and solo artists.

"There are two distinct communities," said Tyler Key, a solo artist and lead singer of The Morning After, a mainstay party band at such bars as the Halifax Alehouse and Cheers.

"There is a community of



**Jason Campbell, far right, lead singer of Signal Hill, is seen with his bandmates. Campbell will be playing at Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Room on May 1 to promote the release of his solo album. Ticket sales from the performance will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia.** CONTRIBUTED

music listeners who seek out new music and there are the ones who go out to get smashed and have a band in the background."

Playing the hits in bars every night pays the bills, but it can also cramp your creativity, said Key.

Rocking out until 3:30 a.m. several nights a week is exhausting, he said.

"During the day is when we record and write songs," said Key, whose debut solo album titled *The Heart Wants More* will be released later this spring. "Sometimes the last thing



## Finding time between cover gigs to sit down and work on solo material can be tricky.

Tyler Key, solo artist and lead singer of The Morning After

you want to do is pick up your guitar....But you have to try and take advantage of the down time."

And when it comes time to book gigs under your first and last name, it can be more difficult to find a stage to sing on, said Key.

"You spend years building up

contacts and building up gigs to a point where you can actually make a living doing it," said Key, who also plays a weekly duo gig with Trevor Conrad at Durty Nelly's under the name Tyler and Trevor.

"But they don't know you as a solo artist. Often times, during your first couple tours

as a solo artist, just to break even is awesome. It can be a little scary."

Key said it's all a balancing act until you hopefully get to a point where you have to choose between them.

"But to walk away from all of it, it's really a leap of faith," said Key of abandoning the regular cover gigs. "There are no guarantees that the solo stuff will stick."

But Campbell said he plans to continue balancing both.

"I'm a performer first. I love performing," Campbell said.



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# Mixed feelings for Springhill's last mayor

MAX SNOW

## Town dissolving upsets him but he's proud locals will benefit

The last mayor of Springhill admitted to having mixed feelings as he cleaned out his office.

"I have to admit it was a little sad, but that's balanced by the

fact we're heading for a much brighter future for our community," Max Snow said. "I didn't dream we'd walk down the road to dissolution, but unfortunately it happened...I think we can hold our heads high and we can say we did the best for our constituents." The Town of Springhill officially dissolved at midnight Wednesday with the community joining the Municipality of Cumberland.

Snow will join Cumberland

municipal council and will represent the community until a special election selects two councillors in May.

Snow said residential and commercial taxes will be going down in the community and most Springhill residents won't notice any significant changes as it surrenders its town status.

"Like anything else there are curves in the road, but really everything has gone very well and I must say the council stuck

together with me all the way," Snow added. He has yet to decide if he'll offer for one of the two seats on municipal council in the May 23 special election.

Cumberland County Warden Keith Hunter said the transition has gone very well. "Residents will never know anything has happened other than the fact it's not a town," he said. "All the services will remain, maybe in a different form, but they'll be there." AMHERST DAILY NEWS



Springhill Town is now part of Cumberland. CUMBERLAND NEWS NOW

CAPE BRETON

## Register now for Moose hunt lottery

Hunters across the province can sign up for the 2015 moose license lottery for the chance to participate in the annual Cape Breton moose hunt.

This year, 345 licences will be made available by the province in five moose-management zones within Victoria and Inverness counties — the only counties in the province where moose hunting is permitted.

"The Cape Breton moose hunt is a prized, unique and enjoyable experience that provides a boost to the local economy," said Natural Resources Minister Zach Churchill, in a press release. "It has become a tremendously popular tradition for hunters across the province and we look forward to another bountiful and safe hunt this year."

The application process closes

at midnight on May 31. Last year, more than 10,000 applicants entered the draw. The draw will take place at on June 18 at 11 a.m. at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre and will also be broadcast on the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters website at [www.nsfah.ca](http://www.nsfah.ca).

Hunters are encouraged to carefully consider which hunt and zone they apply for. Terrain, access, available guiding services and the number of moose differ considerably from one moose-management zone to another. Even weather conditions can vary between the northern and southern zones. To be eligible, an applicant must be a resident of Nova Scotia, have a valid Nova Scotia Wildlife Resources Card and be at least 18 years old.

CAPE BRETON POST



The province has 345 licenses for five moose zones. GETTY IMAGES

## NOVA SCOTIA

### Sign up for spring clean up

Registration is now open for teams wanting to participate in Nova Scotia's largest litter reduction initiative. The Clean Foundation has launched the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up, offering residents the chance to form teams and host a litter clean-up event in their community. "Spring weather will eventually arrive, and with it the litter and garbage underneath all that melt-

ing snow," states a release from the foundation. "After a particularly long winter and an unprecedented amount of snow, litter will make an unsightly appearance as never before." The foundation will provide free kits that include supplies, information on coordinating an event, and a data card to track results. More information is available online at [nspickmeup.ca](http://nspickmeup.ca) METRO STAFF



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Domestication has stripped most formerly wild rabbits of their survival skills and they can no longer survive in the outdoors which is a common misconception, the SPCA says. CONTRIBUTED

## Don't buy a bunny on impulse: SPCA

### PETS

### Easter-gift rabbits often abandoned later: Agency

Hannah Jamieson said she adopted her first rabbit to prove a point, but the next four were personal labours of love.

"I have had five rabbits," the Windsor, N.S., woman said Wednesday. "The first was to show my parents I could responsibly take care of an animal. After my first rabbit, I really came to love how cute and cuddly they could be but I also like the responsibility that comes with taking care of a rabbit."

The provincial SPCA is asking the public to resist the urge to give bunnies as Easter presents this weekend with-

out doing their due diligence on rabbit care. Spokesperson Bruce Eisen said the agency wanted to warn people about the problems that arise when they make the impulsive decision to adopt or buy an animal based on novelty.

"Rabbits aren't a holiday pet, they are a domestic animal that needs attention and quality care just like a dog or a cat," he said.

The SPCA ad emphasizes the long life span of a rabbit — 12 years, if they are taken care of properly — and the unfortunate life awaiting them if the owner is unprepared for the time and effort needed to provide space, grooming, veterinary care and exercise.

Eisen said a common misconception is that a rabbit can survive in the outdoors — but domestication has stripped most formerly wild animals of their survival skills. "We hope that people don't get too



**Rabbits aren't a holiday pet, they are a domestic animal ... just like a dog or a cat.**

Bruce Eisen,  
SPCA of Nova Scotia.

many rabbits and that they don't get rabbits simply for the Easter season," said Eisen. "We want people to know that this is an average companion animal that needs care."

Jamieson said anyone interested in buying a rabbit should consider the long-term costs of owning one.

"People should really go to a pet store and look at the things they need to take care of a bunny and what it will cost them," she explained.

ERNESTO CARRANZA/FOR METRO HALIFAX

### IN BRIEF

#### Police turn attention to crosswalk safety in April

Halifax Regional Police say its traffic unit will focus on crosswalk safety for the next month. A release from police reminds drivers that every intersection is considered a crosswalk, marked or not, and drivers must yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians should make eye contact with drivers and wait for all vehicles to stop before crossing the road. The unit focused on distracted driving in March. METRO STAFF

### MUSIC

## Halifax Pop Explosion pulls April Fools' joke

Sorry Smash Mouth fans, but the Halifax Pop Explosion's announcement the American rock band is headlining the event is an all-star April Fools' prank.

Just before noon Wednesday, the music festival tweeted a "surprise" first announcement that said Smash Mouth, known for tunes like All Star and Walkin' on the Sun, would be coming to town.

They also stated they were

proud to welcome The Tea Party and Bran Van 3000 as part of the fall lineup.

Despite followers that guessed the tweet was a prank and said "don't toy with our emotions," HPX joked back they would never because "emotions are too delicate."

A few hours later, a Pop Explosion spokesman confirmed the mini-lineup was "most definitely" an April Fools' joke.

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# 'It's Canadian first'

## JOBS

## Clock runs out for thousands of temporary foreign workers

Mario Reyes choked back tears on Wednesday while discussing his last-ditch attempt to remain in Canada as the clock ran out for thousands of temporary foreign workers like him whose work permits have expired.

Reyes, who came to Canada from the Philippines seven years ago, has been working at a Minit Lube franchise in Red Deer, Alta., as a temporary foreign worker. He's now facing the reality that he will soon have to return home.

"When I was in the Philippines, life was really hard for me, but when I got a chance to work here everything changed," said Reyes at his lawyer's office in Calgary.

"I was able to send my kids to school because life in the Philippines is hard. If I go back to the Philippines, my girls cannot finish their studies and it's going to break their hearts."

Reyes turns 48 later this month. His application for permanent residency, filed last November, has been rejected and his hopes of eventually becoming a Canadian citizen are in jeopardy.

"It's Canadian first; I understand," said Reyes. "It's Canadian first, but I deserve to stay. I pay my taxes, I work hard, I do not break the law. I deserve to be a Canadian or at least a permanent resident."



Mario Reyes, right, a temporary foreign worker living in Red Deer, Alta., discusses his case on Wednesday with lawyer Peter Wong in Calgary. MIKE RIDWOOD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In 2011, the Conservative government set April 1, 2015, as the deadline for temporary foreign workers in low-skilled jobs to either become permanent residents or return home.

In Alberta alone, 10,000 temporary foreign workers have applied to stay in Canada.

Immigration Canada hasn't divulged the total number of workers who now must leave, but immigration and labour market experts have estimated tens of thousands are affected.

Peter Wong, Reyes' lawyer, said he represents more than



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Mario Reyes, a native of the Philippines, has lived and worked in Canada under the Temporary Foreign Workers program for seven years.

30 workers in similar circumstances.

Wong is trying to buy them some time in the hope that government officials will issue what he calls a "rare exception."

"There are lots of what I

would call very desperate attempts to remain in Canada after that April 1 deadline," Wong said. "Some will work. The vast majority will not and that's the sad reality."

Vanessa Routley, a Toron-

## + CITIZENSHIP

Several organizations, including the Canadian Federation of Independent Business and the Alberta Federation of Labour, have called for an easier path to permanent residence and eventually citizenship for temporary foreign workers, especially those employed in provinces with labour shortages.

to immigration lawyer, was critical of the deadline, saying it unfairly targets the lowest-paid and lowest-skilled, leaving executives and engineers unaffected.

"Rather than offering these hard workers a pathway to permanent residence where they could continue the low-skilled jobs nobody else wants, the Canadian public has been sold a line that exchanging one legion of temporary workers for another every four years is a solution."

In Ottawa, Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre defended the government's position.

"Our policy is that Canadians should come first for Canadian jobs," Poilievre told reporters.

"The April 1st deadline has been known for a very long time and the purpose of the program is for it to be temporary. That's why they're called temporary foreign workers."

Businesses should raise wages and hire Canadians if they're struggling to fill positions, he added.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## MIAMI

## Consul general's son shot dead

One teenage son of a Miami-based Canadian diplomat was killed and a younger son is under arrest after they were involved in an alleged drug deal that turned into a gun battle, according to police records and the diplomat's ex-husband.

Germano Wabafiyebazu said Wednesday his 17-year-old son, Jean, was killed when he went into a house to buy marijuana, and that police arrested his 15-year-old son.

Wabafiyebazu was formerly married to the boys' mother, Canadian consul general Roxanne Dubé.

The Miami Police Department would not comment on the shootings. The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office confirmed that another man, 19-year-old Anthony Rodriguez, was charged with second-degree murder and marijuana possession with intent to sell for his alleged role.

The Rodriguez arrest report says a second man was shot to death inside the house, but he was not identified.

The police report also quotes unidentified witnesses as saying Rodriguez brought two pounds of marijuana to the house and began to negotiate.

In addition, the 15-year-old faces charges of threatening a police officer while in custody, according to a separate police report. That report also briefly refers to a gunfight in which Jean Wabafiyebazu was killed.

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**IN BRIEF****Quebec to continue to support Badawi despite ambassador's criticism**

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Canada is telling Quebec politicians his government won't accept meddling in its internal affairs in response to the case of a jailed blogger.

The ambassador sent a letter addressed to the Speaker of the national assembly regarding Raif Badawi, saying his government expresses "its strong surprise and dismay" at what is being said and written about the case.

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**Fahmy shocked at Ottawa's refusal to issue passport**

A Canadian journalist on trial in Egypt on widely denounced terror charges expressed shock and anger Wednesday over Ottawa's refusal to issue him a passport while he awaits the outcome of his case.

Mohamed Fahmy, who spent more than a year in a Cairo prison, has been trying to acquire a new passport ever since being released on bail in February.

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# Tory senator displeased with expense audit process



**Senator Nancy Ruth speaks at a news conference in Ottawa on Dec. 16, 2010. Ruth is miffed that she's being asked to justify claiming a meal expense while travelling when she could have eaten a free airline breakfast.** SEAN KILPATRICK / THE CANADIAN PRESS

**POLITICS**

## Questions not about 'Senate business,' Nancy Ruth says

Conservative Sen. Nancy Ruth appears to have little faith in the ability of the auditor general to figure out whether she and her colleagues were inappropriately billing taxpayers for expenses.

"Most of their questions were not very sophisticated, nor do they really have anything to do with Senate business," she told reporters Wednesday morning about her experience having employees for the federal watchdog comb through her travel expense claims as part of a large-scale forensic investigation into Senate reimbursements.

"There are a couple of times when my assistant put in for a breakfast when I was on a plane and they say I should not claim

because I should have eaten that breakfast. Well, those (free) breakfasts are pretty awful. If you want ice-cold Camembert with broken crackers ..." Nancy Ruth said.

"I just don't think they understand anything of what it's like to fly around the world to get here. They just don't know," she said.

The Conservative senator for Ontario was responding to a report by CTV News Tuesday night that dozens of senators have received letters from the Office of the Auditor General asking them to account for questionable claims.

A source confirmed to Torstar News Service on Wednesday that at least 44 senators have received such letters and that one of them is former Liberal senator Rose-Marie Losier-Cool, who was asked to explain some \$100,000 in claims.

CTV News also said at least one senator has already paid back a claim flagged by auditors.

NDP MP Charlie Angus, the ethics critic for his party, dismissed the notion that the auditor general is being too strict by questioning senators over why they claimed per-diems for meals they could have eaten free

on airplanes as well as at receptions and other Senate-related gatherings.

"I think what Canadians are smart enough to know is here is a bunch of whiny senators

trying to deflect attention from the fact that they have had no oversight, no accountability, so they are trying to pretend that this huge number that has been racked up is because they had some sandwiches at meetings. I don't buy that," Angus said Wednesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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The coast guard says the Ann Harvey struck a rocky shoal on Wednesday southwest of Burgeo, N.L., but the crew of 26 on board is safe. CANADIAN COAST GUARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ship hits bottom near coast of N.L.

## ACCIDENT

### Icebreaker took on some water, but no one was injured

The coast guard plans to take some non-essential personnel off the icebreaker Ann Harvey, which struck a rocky shoal Wednesday morning and punctured its hull off the coast of southwest Newfoundland.

Coast guard Capt. Jim Chmiel said the ship is anchored nine kilometres southwest of Burgeo and is not in danger of sinking.

No injuries were reported among the 26 crew members and two cadets who were on board. The coast guard says in a statement that all personnel were safe.

Chmiel said it plans to remove

the two cadets and as many as four non-essential crew members from the Ann Harvey.

The other crew members will remain on board the ship as it waits for the arrival of the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Louis S. St-Laurent, which will tow it to a sheltered harbour for repairs, said Chmiel, the superintendent of the coast guard's regional operations centre.

The ship took on water in the propulsion motor room and two electrical motors are damaged, he said. Pumps were keeping up with the flow of water coming into the damaged compartments and Chmiel said the situation was "stabilized" early Wednesday evening.

"The water is not rising any more and the (pumps) are keeping up to the inflow of water," he said. "We're just waiting for a large ship to tow it away to a safe haven."

## + DETAILS

The Ann Harvey was built in Halifax in 1987 and can carry 47 people.

There was no marine pollution from the incident, said Chmiel.

The coast guard said it is coordinating its efforts with the military's Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Halifax.

Once the Louis S. St-Laurent arrives, it will be on standby until another ship, the Teleost, arrives around noon on Thursday to assist in the operation.

The coast guard said the weather in the area is good, with northwest winds forecast to be 35 kilometres an hour overnight. It says the winds are favourable to the ship's position.

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## ARTIFACTS

### Terry Fox exhibit opens at Canadian Museum of History

An exhibit of artifacts from Terry Fox's epic Marathon of Hope is opening Thursday at the Canadian Museum of History.

It's the first time the archival materials have been on display in one location. The displays — including Fox's artificial leg and the van that followed him along the 5,373 kilometre route that he took in 1980 to raise money for cancer — have been assembled to mark the 35th anniversary of the run.

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## HEALTH

### Phase 1 trials suggest Ebola vaccine is safe

The first human trials of a designed-in-Canada Ebola vaccine suggest it is safe and triggers a rapid immune response, studies published Wednesday reveal.

The work, based on six different clinical trials in the United States, Switzerland, Germany, Gabon and Kenya, found the vaccine quickly generates antibodies in people who receive it. Whether those antibodies protect against infection remains to be seen, but early evidence suggests that is a strong possibility.

The vaccine is called rVSV-ZEBOV and was designed by sci-

entists at the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg. It is being developed by U.S. biotech NewLink Genetics and pharma giant Merck.

Published in the New England Journal of Medicine, the research describes Phase 1 clinical trials and shows time what happens when this vaccine is given to a number of people. But Phase 1 trials are too small to answer the question: Does this vaccine work? It is hoped the answer will come from larger Phase 3 trials currently underway in West Africa.

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# Trial to focus on online bullying

SAN JOSE, CALIF.

## Opening statements expected to start next week

A 15-year-old girl committed suicide a week after three classmates photographed themselves sexually assaulting her at a 2012 party, petrified the boys would circulate the photos online and believing gossip about her was spreading widely.

Audrie Pott's story has captivated those concerned with teen bullying, which appears to be on the rise with the help of smartphones and social media but rarely ends in suicide.

A wrongful-death trial this month in San Jose, Calif., will determine whether bullying played a role in the girl's death. Lawyers were to argue Wednesday over what evidence the jury will hear, while opening statements are expected to start next week.

The three boys, now high-school seniors, and other teens are expected to deliver uncom-



Sheila Pott with a portrait of her daughter Audrie in Los Altos, Calif. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

fortable and emotional testimony about the party where Audrie was sexually assaulted after passing out drunk and other events leading up to her death.

Parry Aftab, a digital-privacy lawyer, said Audrie's death likely will be discussed at an

international anti-bullying conference in Ireland in May that she's helping organize.

"Depending on what the jury decides, the kids will look at this and see there may be consequences," Aftab said.

Audrie's parents say the assault and fear of online ridi-

cule caused her death and they have pursued a wrongful-death lawsuit against the boys, their families and others for three years that will culminate with the three-week trial.

Her parents say they want to hold the boys responsible and call attention to bully-

**“ Depending on what the jury decides, the kids will look at this and see there may be consequences. ”**

Parry Aftab,  
digital-privacy lawyer

ing, social-media shaming and teen suicide. One of the three teens told attorneys that in the weeks before Audrie's death, the trio swapped racy selfies of girls they badgered into taking the photos.

That boy and his family recently apologized to the Pott family and settled their portion of the case for an amount of money a judge has ordered be kept confidential. But the other two teens insist they weren't responsible for Audrie's death.

The Pott family's lawyer said that the "majority" of proceeds from the lawsuit will be donated to the Audrie Pott Foundation and used to lobby for anti-bullying laws.

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## IN BRIEF

### Egypt, Nigeria led world in 2014 death sentences

Egypt and Nigeria accounted for well over 1,000 of the death sentences announced last year, more than a third of the world's total, Amnesty International says in its latest annual report on the death penalty. The human-rights group expressed alarm at the 28 per cent jump in death sentences: 2,466 people in 55 countries were condemned to death in 2014.

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### New president vows to hunt Boko Haram

Nigerians celebrated Muhammadu Buhari's victory in presidential elections Wednesday, but sobering challenges confront their new leader: from an Islamic uprising to widespread poverty. Buhari, 72, made history in Africa's most populous country as the first opposition candidate to win elections, defeating President Goodluck Jonathan. Buhari warned Boko Haram insurgents he'd be coming after them.

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ISIL

## Iraq declares victory in Tikrit

The government declared victory in Tikrit on Wednesday over ISIL extremists, and it warned the militants holding other Iraqi provinces that they would be the next to fall.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi walked triumphantly along a street in Tikrit, carrying an Iraqi flag and surrounded by jubilant forces.

Across the border in Syria, however, ISIL fighters made their deepest foray yet into the capital of Damascus by infiltrating a Palestinian refugee camp, according to opposition activists and Palestinian officials.

Iraq's victory over the extremists in Tikrit was seen as a key step toward eventually driving the militants out of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city and the capital of Nineveh province.

Defence Minister Khalid al-Obeidi announced the victory, saying security forces have "accomplished their mission" in the monthlong offensive to rid Saddam Hussein's hometown and the broader Salahuddin province of the militant group.

"We have the pleasure, with all our pride, to announce the good news of a magnificent victory," Obeidi said in a video statement, and he named the other Iraqi provinces still being held by ISIL militants.

"Here we come to you, Anbar! Here we come to you, Nineveh, and we say it with full resolution, confidence, and persistence," he said.

Al-Abadi said that military engineering units still need more time to clear Tikrit of booby traps and looked to the next steps for the city and province.

"God willing, there will be a fund to rebuild areas destroyed by Daesh and the war. Tikrit and Salahuddin areas will be covered by this fund," al-Abadi said, using the Arabic acronym for ISIL.

The extremists seized Tikrit last summer during its advance out of Syria and across northern and western Iraq.

Iraqi forces, including soldiers, police officers, Shiite militias and Sunni tribes, launched a large-scale operation to recapture Tikrit on March 2. Last week, the U.S. launched airstrikes on the embattled city at the request of the Iraqi government.

Recapturing Tikrit is seen as the biggest win so far for Baghdad's Shiite-led government. The city is about 130 kilometres north of Baghdad on the road connecting the capital to Mosul.

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This frame grab of a video from the news station Noticias Ciudad del Carmen shows a fire burning at an oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico, along the Mexican coast, before sunrise on Wednesday. NOTICIAS CIUDAD DEL CARMEN VIA APTN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Fire engulfs Mexican oil rig; 4 workers dead

OIL

## No evidence yet of major spill: Pemex

A massive ball of flames engulfed an oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday, killing four people and sending terrified workers jumping into the sea.

State-run oil company Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, said there was no evidence yet of a major oil spill following the blast, which injured 16 workers, two seriously, and forced the evacuation of 300.

Fleets of helicopters ferried workers with bandaged hands and faces, and burn marks on their overalls to the nearby city of Ciudad del Carmen, where crowds of concerned relatives of oil workers thronged outside hospitals.

A survivor of the blaze on the shallow-water Abkatun Permanente platform in the Campeche Sound said workers "jumped into the sea out of desperation and panic."

"There was nothing you could do but run," said Roger Arias Sanchez, an employee of Pemex contractor Cotemar who escaped the burning platform in an evacuation boat.

Eight firefighting boats were trying to extinguish the fire, said Pemex. Mexico's Energy Security Agency said the fire "is being extinguished."

President Enrique Pena Nieto said the causes of the accident are under investigation.

Pena said he had issued orders "to carry out the appropriate investigations to find whoever is responsible, but above all, to avoid this type of accident in the future."

On its Twitter account Wednesday afternoon, Pemex raised the death toll from one to four. Many of the injured appeared to be Cotemar employees.

Pemex's media office said it

was unclear whether any significant amount of oil had spilled from the Abkatun Permanente platform, which largely serves to separate gas, oil and other petroleum products, and pump them to refineries onshore.

Previous spills from Mexican facilities had usually occurred at active offshore wells, not processing stations such as Abkatun.

The Abkatun platform lies off the coast of the states of Campeche and Tabasco. It is further out to sea than the platform involved in the last severe fire in the area, the 2007 fire at the Kab 121 offshore rig.

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## IN BRIEF

### France recovers remains from Alps crash; families must wait to get them

Just over a week after a Germanwings plane crashed into the French Alps, investigators have finished retrieving human remains from the crash site and are now trying to match them with DNA profiles from the 150 people killed — an arduous task that could leave families waiting for months.

The extraordinary recovery process mobilized hundreds of people and cut a stony road into a forested Alpine mountainside to help the team bring back anything they found, from a body part to a tiny shred of skin. Not a single intact body was found.

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### Emirates, Etihad Airways jetliners get too close

Jetliners from the United Arab Emirates' two main airlines apparently got too close to each other over the Indian Ocean this week.

One of the carriers involved, Dubai-based Emirates, called it an "air traffic control incident" in a statement Wednesday. Neither it nor Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways would say how close the two planes came to each other.

Emirates says its flight EK709 was returning from the Indian Ocean island nation of Seychelles when the incident occurred Sunday in airspace controlled from Mumbai, India.

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WAR CRIMES

## Palestinians join ICC, put pressure on Israel

The Palestinian Authority became a member of the International Criminal Court on Wednesday, saying it wanted "justice not vengeance" for alleged Israeli war crimes.

Joining the court is part of a broader effort by the Palestinians to put international pressure on Israel and comes at a time when the chances of resuming negotiations on Palestinian statehood are seen as slim following Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent election victory and tough campaign rhetoric.

"In the face of the great injustice our people are enduring and the repeated crimes committed against it, Palestine has decided to seek justice, not vengeance,"

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said after a brief welcome ceremony.

Palestinians signed the court's founding treaty in January and Palestinian membership came into force Wednesday. International justice activists hailed the occasion as an opportunity to bring accountability to years of conflict between Palestinians and Israel.

Israel is not a member of the ICC, but the country's military and civilian leaders could now face charges if they are believed to have committed crimes on Palestinian territory. Israel had no immediate comment Wednesday.

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## IRAN

## Nuclear talks go into overtime

Negotiations over Iran's nuclear program headed for double overtime on Wednesday, beset by competing claims and recriminations after differences forced diplomats to abandon their March 31 deadline for the outline of a deal.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry postponed his departure from the talks in the Swiss town of Lausanne for a second time and will remain until at least Thursday morning to continue negotiations, the State Department said. On Thursday, the latest round of talks will hit the week-long mark with diplomats from the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany scrambling to reach a framework accord with Iran.

"We continue to make progress but have not reached a political understanding," spokeswoman Marie Harf said in announcing Kerry's decision.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said negotiators were still facing a "tough struggle," indicating the talks were not likely to end anytime soon. "Tonight there will be new proposals, new recommendations. I can't predict whether that will be sufficient to enable an agreement to be reached," he said.

The negotiators' intention is to produce a joint statement outlining general political commitments to resolving concerns about the Iranians' nuclear program in exchange for relief of economic sanctions against Iran.

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**YEMEN SAUDI-LED AIRSTRIKES TARGET SHIITE REBELS ACROSS YEMEN; 35 WORKERS KILLED** A Houthishi rebel carries his weapon as he joins others to protest against Saudi-led airstrikes, during a rally in Sanaa, Yemen, Wednesday. Saudi-led coalition warplanes bombed Shiite rebel positions in both north and south Yemen early Wednesday, setting off explosions and drawing return fire from anti-aircraft guns. HANI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Man killed by NSA police had history of assault, theft

## NSA CAMPUS

### Man failed to obey orders to drive away from gate

Court documents show that a cross-dressing man killed during a violent encounter at the National Security Agency had a history of theft and assault, and was mistaken at least once for

a woman.

The FBI has identified Ricky Shawatza Hall as the person who was killed Monday after the NSA said he failed to obey orders to drive away from a heavily guarded gate leading into the highly secure NSA campus. An NSA police officer was treated for minor injuries and released.

Hall, 27, was accompanied by a second man who was not identified and who remained hospitalized Tuesday with unspecified injuries. The two men

were dressed as women, but "not in an attempt to disguise themselves from authorities," FBI spokeswoman Amy Thoreson said.

Court documents show Hall had a criminal record. In 2013, he was charged after he assaulted a woman and stole a bottle of methadone from her pocket. Hall had been wearing a yellow dress at the time of the assault and was mistaken for a woman, the documents show. In 2014, Hall was charged with

robbery after stealing a vest and skirt from a Baltimore clothing store.

On Monday, police determined that Hall and his passenger were driving the SUV of a 60-year-old Baltimore man, who told investigators he had picked up the two strangers in Baltimore and brought them to a Howard County motel.

Just before 9 a.m. and minutes after the man called to report the stolen car, Hall and his passenger took a highway exit

that leads directly to a restricted area at the NSA entrance at Fort Meade.

The driver of the SUV did not obey a guard's instructions for leaving the campus, said spokesman Jonathan Freed. Instead, the SUV sped up and headed toward an NSA police car blocking the road, Freed said in a statement.

"NSA Police fired at the vehicle when it refused to stop," Freed said, after which the SUV crashed into the police car.

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# Arkansas governor urges fixing religious-objection measure

## GAY RIGHTS

### Proposed state law has faced strong backlash

The governor of Arkansas on Wednesday called for changes to a religious objection measure that has faced a backlash from businesses and gay rights groups.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson, a Republican, said the proposed law wasn't intended to sanction discrimination based on sexual orientation, as critics have claimed.

Nonetheless, the governor said he wants changes to the bill lawmakers sent him, prohibiting state and local government from infringing upon someone's religious beliefs without a compelling interest. Hutchinson said he wants the legislature to either recall the bill or pass a followup measure to make the proposal more closely mirror a 1993 federal religious freedom law.

Hutchinson had initially supported the bill and on Tuesday his office had said he planned to sign it into law.

But by Wednesday, his position had changed. After Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed a similar measure last week, Pence and fellow Republicans endured days of sharp criticism. The Indiana governor is



Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson answers questions in Little Rock. DANNY JOHNSTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

now seeking followup legislation to address concerns that the law could allow businesses to discriminate based on sexual orientation.

Neither the Indiana nor Arkansas law specifically mentions gays and lesbians, but opponents are concerned that their language could offer a legal defence to businesses and

other institutions that refuse to serve gays, such as caterers, florists or photographers with religious objections to same-sex marriage.

Supporters insist the law will only give religious objectors a chance to bring their case before a judge.

Similar proposals have been introduced in more than a doz-

en states. Nineteen other states have similar laws on the books.

Conservative lawmakers have proposed the religious-protection laws as gay marriage advanced rapidly across America, an attempt to shield people from private discrimination lawsuits if they felt that doing business with same-sex couples violated their religious

beliefs. Echoing the reaction to Indiana's law, Hutchinson has faced pressure from the state's top employers, including retail giant Wal-Mart, which complained that the measure was discriminatory and would stifle economic development. Little Rock's mayor, the city's Chamber of Commerce and Arkansas-based data services

company Acxiom all urged the governor to reject the measure in recent days.

Other big names in business, including Apple, Gap and Levi Strauss, have also spoken out against the religious-objection measures.

Experts say companies are increasingly concerned about any laws that could alienate customers, hurt state economies or limit employers' ability to attract and retain talent.

Arkansas-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is particularly influential because it is the world's largest retailer and the nation's largest private employer.

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## + BACKGROUND

### Indiana faces opposition

The state of Indiana faces a possible economic hit as businesses and organizations are cancelling events and barring travel. The band Wilco won't play a May 7 concert in Indianapolis. Comedian Nick Offerman of Parks and Recreation and wife, comic Megan Mullally, said they'll donate proceeds from Wednesday's appearance at Indiana University. The list of cities and states banning government-funded travel continues to grow. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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An exoskeleton boot on a person in Pittsburgh. Engineers say it could encourage more people to get out and walk. LISA LAU, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY EXPERIMENTAL BIOMECHATRONICS LAB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Device makes walking easier

## WEARABLE ROBOTICS

**It has no motor but a spring to store and release energy**

Engineers have come up with a motor-free device to make walking more efficient and easier — something scientists once thought couldn't be done.

The prototype exoskeleton boot runs from just below the knee to the ankle, and when you strap on a pair, you can reduce the energy it takes to walk by seven per cent. That means you won't burn as many calories.

It's wearable robotics without a motor or a power source. The one-pound device relies instead on a spring to store energy and release it with each step, and a clutch that engages

the spring at the proper moment. The device is a little too bulky to fit under pants legs or socks.

"It doesn't look too bad. Looks kind of flashy," said Carnegie Mellon University engineering professor Steven Collins, lead author of a study published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*. "When you first put them on, it feels a little bit odd, then after a few minutes you don't really notice

it very much."

With an obese nation, making exercise burn fewer calories may not seem like the best idea, but it's not as crazy as it sounds, Collins said.

Studies show that when walking or biking becomes harder, people do it less. So maybe if it becomes easier, people will do it more and burn more calories in the long run, Collins said.

This sort of hydraulic cast

could also boost the development of other exoskeleton devices — perhaps for the hips — to help disabled people walk better, Collins and other engineering professors said. The key innovation was coming up with the clutch, Collins said.

He said he has no plans to manufacture or market this particular device but will talk to others who want to do so.

This was more of an engineering challenge than a plan

to create the next hot product, Collins said. For a long time, researchers had figured that evolution had already provided humans with the most efficient means of moving. So the question was: Can scientists improve on nature without using motors? "Most studies show that walking is incredibly efficient, so finding a way to make it better is incredibly interesting," said professor Andy Ruina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Seven-year-old California girl gets a 3D-printed arm for \$50

## TECHNOLOGY

### Inexpensive choice ideal for growing youngsters

Seven-year-old Faith Lennox never thought much about putting a prosthetic limb where her left hand had once been — not until she learned she could design her own, strap it on easily and then jump on her bike and pedal away at speeds previously only imagined.

Faith firmly placed her new hand's blue and pink fingers on her bike's left handlebar and took off for a lengthy ride around the Build It Workspace in Los Alamitos, Calif., on Tuesday morning. Inside, just a short time before, that hand had rolled off a 3D printer that built it overnight.

"I don't think we'll ever get her off it," said her mother, Nicole, smiling with resignation as she watched her daughter continue to circle the parking lot in the Orange County suburb.

The prosthetic represents a breakthrough in small, lightweight hands that are economical and easy for children to use. It weighs only a pound and costs just \$50 US to construct out of the same materials used to make drones and automobile parts.

When Faith outgrows it



**Faith Lennox forms a heart with her new 3D-printed hand at the Build It Workspace in Los Alamitos, Calif., on Tuesday. Her position during childbirth cut off the flow of blood to her left forearm, irreparably damaging tissue, muscle and bone.** DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

in six months or a year, a replacement can be made just as cheaply and easily, said Mark Muller, a prosthetics professor at California State University, Dominguez Hills, who helped with the design. He said a heavier adult model with sensors attached to a

person's muscles would run \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Faith manipulates her hand without sensors. Instead, as she happily demonstrated after the bike ride, she moves her upper arm back and forth. That in turn opens and closes its blue and pink fingers —

"my favourite colours," she noted with a smile.

The oldest of three children, Faith had compartment syndrome when her position during childbirth cut off the flow of blood to her left forearm, irreparably damaging tissue, muscle and bone. After nine

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### Small space, big ideas

Build It Workspace teaches people to use high-tech printers, provides access to them for projects and does its own commercial printing. The small studio was founded less than a year ago.

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months of trying to save the limb, doctors determined they had to amputate just below the elbow.

She had tried a couple of more traditional — and more expensive — prosthetics over the years but found them bulky, heavy and hard to use.

Her parents were working with the non-profit group E-Nable to get her a 3D-printed hand, but the technology is so new there's a waiting list, her mother said. Then she learned of what Build It Workspace could do from a friend whose son visited with his Scout troop.

Although the company, founded by mechanical engineer Mark Lengsfeld, has printed everything from pumps for oil-and-gas companies to parts for drones, this was the first hand Lengsfeld and his employees had built. So he used E-Nable's open-source technology and called in Cal State, Dominguez Hills' experts for guidance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MUSIC

### Tidal woos artists to join firm

Tidal, the music and video streaming service co-owned by Jay Z, Rihanna, Madonna and other artists, is inviting more performers to join the company and earn equity.

Senior executive Vania Schlogel said late Tuesday that Tidal welcomes more acts. It introduced its new co-owners at a launch event on Monday. Co-owners including Beyonce, Daft Punk, Kanye West, Jack White, Alicia Keys, members of Arcade Fire and Jason Aldean attended the launch.

Artists who join the company would earn more money through the streaming service than through others that exist, Schlogel said.

A business controlled by Jay Z bought Tidal for \$56 million US in mid-March. The streaming service, which has 540,000 subscribers, provides music and video content that users can stream on computers, tablets and smartphones or listen to offline. Subscriptions begin at \$10 US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### Faith is splintering, but it is not dying

It's Easter. So I'm going to take my day off on Friday, and I'm going to church.

I probably won't see you there.

We all know statutory holidays like Easter and Christmas are only religious historically for many Canadians. Your weekend might be more about bunnies and chocolate and ham than celebrating our risen Lord. Correction: my risen Lord.

Religion has been on a downward trend in this country, but a new study shows that the picture is far more complicated than increasingly empty pews.

Faith is splintering, but it is not dying.

While subscriptions to major religions have fallen to 30 per cent from 45 per cent in 1985, the year I was born, we also now have a majority of Canadians straddling the middle ground between belief in a traditional faith, and belief in nothing at all, according to an Angus Reid study released last week.

The 44 per cent of us who consider ourselves ambivalent about religion "consistently seem to be open not only to religious beliefs, but to a range of other non-naturalist beliefs as well, such as psychic phenomena and astrology," the study found.

The finding suggests many of us believe we "cannot live by rationality alone." Which perhaps explains the two-thirds of us who the study

found believe in an afterlife and a supreme being.

The study also showed that immigration is boosting the ranks of many Christian and non-Christian religions.

There are one million Muslims, 500,000 Hindus, and 330,000 Jews in this country, plus about 25,500 Pagans, 1,000 Rastafarians and dozens of other small faith groups, according to Statistics Canada data from 2011.

Plus the 22 million who, like me, identify as Christian.

I bet even many of these believers, like me, have what I'd call the personalized approach. For example, I believe in God, and that gay is good and the state has no place barring abortions.

Atheism might have had a pop culture moment, but with only 48,675 of us identifying as atheist, it hasn't sunk our collective sense of faith.

And I don't think it can. There seems to be something innate in humans that drives us to see life as more than this one moment, in this one day. The world seems vaster and more glorious and even more meaningful than its parts.

Belief is not something that we have learned our way out of. We appear to crave faith — in something.

So I'll take my Easter long weekend. And my Jesus in a totally non-ironic way.

And the cute bunnies and chocolate.

Live and let believe.

# A lousy law

## THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



Earlier this week, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which, he says, "ensures that Indiana law will respect religious freedom and apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty."

It sounds nice, like he's just signed a law that says everyone can go to church and not be worried that the government might try to stop them.

This law is anything but nice. In layman's terms, this law says that business owners can choose not to serve customers that offend their religious beliefs. The example that's being most commonly referenced is that a Christian

business owner can refuse to serve members of the LGBTQ community because they somehow "infringe on their religious liberty."

I keep looking at the calendar to see if it really is 2015. I keep checking Google Maps to make sure Indiana is in the United States of America — Canada's close ally and neighbour. What is going on here? And why doesn't Pence have a tiny square moustache?

What made this law particularly scary was that Indiana doesn't have any statewide anti-discrimination legislation when it comes to sexual orientation.

So theoretically, it meant that in certain Indiana cities, businesses would legally be allowed to put a sign in their window saying, "No Gays."

This, of course, rings a terrible bell and one can't help but think back to those "No

Colored Allowed" signs found until just over 50 years ago in the southern U.S. Has Pence learned nothing from history?

Incidentally, if I came across any store that had any sign that said anyone was not welcome, I'd probably suffer an anger-induced bout of dyslexia and read it as, "Please throw rocks at our window."

The backlash to the law was refreshingly harsh: Connecticut announced a boycott of Indiana, the band Wilco cancelled a concert there, large business deals that involved the state were put on hold.

I couldn't help but laugh when during an interview with George Stephanopoulos, Pence called this backlash "intolerant." Yes, Mike, people are intolerant of intolerance and thank God for that — on Tuesday, Pence announced that he'd be amending the bill to make it clear that this law

was not meant to condone discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

I believe in religious freedoms and liberties. Like how the Federal Court of Canada ruled it was unlawful to force a Muslim woman, Zunera Ishaq, to remove her niqab at her citizenship ceremony. She has every right to practise her religion. But if Ishaq owned a business and refused to serve me because I was not wearing a niqab? Well, that wouldn't be cool.

While I'm glad Pence has chosen to clarify this bill, I'm sad that there's even a bill like this that needs clarifying.

**Rebecca Kohler** is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca\_kohler

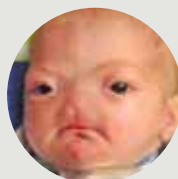
## Happy face/Sad face

From **miracle babies** to **corporate tomfoolery**, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



### 911 is not a joke

This is not an emergency. We repeat, this is not an emergency: Police in Idaho say a man who called 911 a dozen times complaining about his bar bill is facing a \$1,000 fine and up to a year of jail time. The man allegedly made the calls after police gave him a ride home when he got kicked out of Club Tequila. The bar produced a receipt showing he was charged \$30 for the 10 beers he apparently ordered.



### One in 97 million

Among all the amazing babies that came into the world recently, this adorable little guy deserves a special mention. Timothy Eli Thompson was born without a nose, and guess what? He's doing just fine, having left the hospital this week. In his brief time on planet Earth, he's already made 20,000 friends via his Facebook page. Best wishes to him and his family.



### Bad news for bears

In some super bummer news, a study published this week says polar bears forced onto land due to melting ice probably won't find enough food to replace their diet of delicious seals. Apparently the berries, eggs and birds they find on the mainland are no caloric substitute for mammals weighing 150 to 300 pounds each, mostly blubber. The bears love the cute little guys as much as Paul McCartney does.



### Rascals!

Nothing like a little skylarking. On April 1, the always hilarious Microsoft launched MS-DOS as a mobile OS, those yucksters at CERN confirmed the existence of the Force, billionaire Lululemon founder and noted comic Chip Wilson posted a building permit for his future helicopter landing pad and uproarious pranksters Netflix launched a PSA on binge-watching. To these, and all the other fools in the world, thank you for the fandango.

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# Franchise holds Fast to formula

FURIOUS 7

**Star Vin Diesel says this is the biggest F&F film ever**

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**Richard Crouse**



Furious 7 has already generated its share of column inches from entertainment journalists. The cast has spent the last few weeks doing the junket rounds, talking to everyone with a microphone or a notepad, generating sound bites and stories that have fed newspapers, websites and television shows.

Star Michelle Rodriguez, who plays Letty Ortiz, spoke of getting “pretty crazy” after co-star Paul Walker’s death. “I was pushing myself to feel,” she said by way of explanation of some of her tabloid-level behaviour in the last year.

Ludacris, who has played technical expert Tej Parker in four F&F films, told the Today Show, “We’re about to make history as the most successful franchise of all time.”

Vin Diesel has talked about naming his daughter after his friend and co-star Walker — “There’s no other person that I was thinking about as I was cutting this umbilical cord” — and made grand pronouncements about the



Tyrese Gibson, left, Michelle Rodriguez, Paul Walker, and Chris Ludacris in a scene from Furious 7. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

quality of his film.

“Universal is going to have the biggest movie in history with this movie,” Diesel said, likely sounding as though he’s dragging every word through sandpaper. “It will probably win best picture at the Oscars, unless the Oscars don’t want to be relevant ever.”

He’s likely only half wrong. In 2011 he made a similar award season prediction about Fast 5 and while that didn’t pan out, the movie made a fortune, grossing north of \$600 million worldwide.

He’s right to say that the new film will surely put the pedal to the metal and sell a

## MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**While We’re Young** ★★★★★  
**Woman in Gold** ★★★  
**Last Knights** ★★

**HOW RATING WORKS**  
 ★★★★★ SEE IT  
 ★★★ UP TO YOU  
 ★ SKIP IT

lot of popcorn. Despite so-so reviews, the Fast and Furious franchise has an EZ Pass to

the box office fast lane, grossing two billion plus dollars since racing into theatres

in 2001.

“Just because they are for the working class doesn’t mean they’re not great,” Diesel said.

F&F fans enjoy the formula, which can be broken down to essentially this: Swagger interrupted by a snappy one-liner, a wild car chase, a fight scene. Repeat.

The movies aren’t Kierkegaard, and that’s one of the reasons they haven’t run out of gas yet. Over seven entries, they’ve remained loud and proud, lowbrow and unashamed. They’re a wild celebration of muscle cars, muscle shirts and muscle heads.

Like an engorged Hot Wheels set, the films are playthings for the directors — there have been four over the run of the series — who toe the company line time after time offering up a car-crushing stew where sophisticated line readings and nuanced storytelling take a backseat to frenetic editing and in-your-face explosive action. They exist in a world where people only drink Budweiser and bastardizations like Bud Lime don’t exist. That purity of vision is the beauty of the series.

Despite the loss of Walker, you can bet Furious 7 won’t be the last movie in the series.

As long as the formula works and the money continues to come in fast and furious, Diesel and company won’t put these films in the rear-view mirror.

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Helen Mirren plays the real-life Maria Altmann in *Woman in Gold*. CONTRIBUTED/ALLIANCE

# Helen Mirren is a woman as good as gold for director

## WOMAN IN GOLD

**Simon Curtis says the actress was a crucial part of new film**



**Richard Crouse**  
Metro | Canada

*Woman in Gold* is director Simon Curtis's followup to the Academy Award-nominated *My Week with Marilyn*, which chronicled seven days in the life of Marilyn Monroe during production of the 1957 film *The Prince and the Showgirl*.

In the new movie, Dame Helen

Mirren plays Maria Altmann, a Jewish refugee of the Second World War who flees Austria to settle in the U.S. She enlists the help of young lawyer Randol Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds) to help reclaim five Gustav Klimt paintings, including one of her aunt, *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I*.

Looted by Nazis at the outset of the war, the iconic artwork (referred to as the "Mona Lisa of Austria" in the film) hung in the state gallery for five decades. The case wound its way for years through the courts, until it reached the U.S. Supreme Court and then binding arbitration by a panel of three Austrian judges.

He spent a week with Marilyn, the director teases, but years with Maria.

The story first grabbed his interest when he saw a BBC Imagine documentary on her struggle to reclaim artworks that were rightfully hers. He was taken with the character of Maria, who reminded him of many people he grew up with. "I'm from a Jewish family in London," he says, "and I met many women like Maria."

The resulting film plays like two thrillers — the present day legal story and the backstory — told in flashbacks.

One is a procedural, one a horrifying look at the rise of Nazism in Austria, mixed and matched to form a whole. But *Woman in Gold* isn't strictly a movie about a lawsuit or Holocaust horror, it's really a story about the power of memories and heritage.

Curtis says the casting of Mirren was crucial to the success of the film. He needed an actress of a certain age and one who could portray the emotional range of a woman trapped between her real world pain and the memories she holds dear. On Mirren's face is the story, a vision of loss and anguish, but tempered with a tale of determination.

Curtis first met Mirren almost thirty years ago when he assistant directed a production of *Measure for Measure* in 1979. He remembers her as a formidable force and jokingly calls himself "her tea boy."

"I sat with her in the kitchen and helped her answer fan mail and boiled water for tea," he says. "I did essentially the same job on this film."

## SAM HEUGHAN

# From Batman to the 18th-century

Sam Heughan has become something of a heartthrob playing a fiery 18th-century Scottish warrior married to a Second World War combat nurse who mysteriously transported back in time in the sci-fi romance *Outlander*.

The show, which returns to Showcase for its midseason premiere on Sunday, has developed a rabid fan base with as many as five million Americans tuning in to catch Heughan and his kilt each week. The British Film Institute even reports that the show's popularity has inspired a tourism boom in Scotland.

On Heughan's recent trip to Toronto, fans lined up in the cold to catch a glimpse of the handsome 6 feet 2½ inches tall actor. "They were there," he says, "waving flags and supporting us. It is fantastic."

He says "that sort of thing is very new to me," although a recent trip to Comic Con was met with much excitement and on a stopover in Los Angeles, he was recognized for his work on the show.

"On the whole, it is very genuine," he says, "very friendly. They

just sort of sidle up next to you and whisper, 'I really enjoy the show. I'm a big fan,' and they'll leave you to do your thing."

Heughan trained at the prestigious Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama but says before signing on to do *Outlander* he was a "jobbing actor. I had done a lot of theatre and period drama in the U.K." He cites one strange acting gig in particular, playing the lead role in a touring production of *Batman Live*, as a real confidence builder.

"A terrific job," he says. "So different than anything I had done before — doing acrobatics, flying across stadiums over thousands of people. It did give me a lot of confidence to stand in front of twenty- or thirty-thousand people and have to fight 30 henchmen every night."

"I'll always remember the first entrance as Batman, flying 200 feet across the auditorium with people below and you're looking down at them thinking, 'This is something else.' They don't teach that in acting school."

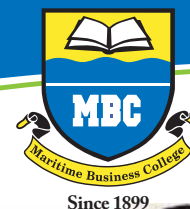
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### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: **86%** Audience: **+98%**



## DRAMA Woman in Gold

**Director:** Simon Curtis  
**Starring:** Helen Mirren,  
Ryan Reynolds

The remarkable true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage. Sixty years after she fled Vienna during the Second World War, an elderly Jewish woman starts her journey to retrieve family possessions seized by the Nazis.

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Critics: **40%** Audience: **+90%**



## DRAMA Boychoir

**Director:** François Girard  
**Starring:** Dustin Hoffman

Stet, a troubled and angry 11-year-old orphan from a small town, ends up at a boys choir after the death of his single mom. Completely out of his element, he finds himself in a battle of wills with a demanding choir master who recognizes a unique talent in this young boy.

### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: **69%** Audience: **71%**



## DRAMA-FANTASY Cast no Shadow

**Director:** Christian Sparkes  
**Starring:** Mary-Colin  
Chisholm

One wild and tumultuous summer in the life of young Jude Traynor as he attempts to navigate his way through a life of delinquency and petty crime.

### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: **NOT YET REVIEWED** Audience: **NOT YET REVIEWED**



## DRAMA-COMEDY Danny Collins

**Director:** Dan Fogelman  
**Starring:** Al Pacino,  
Annette Bening

Al Pacino stars as aging 1970s rocker Danny Collins, who can't give up his hard-living ways. But when his manager uncovers a 40-year-old undelivered letter written to him by John Lennon, he decides to change course and embarks on a heartfelt journey to begin a second act.

### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: **72%** Audience: **70%**



## COMEDY Get Hard

**Director:** Etan Cohen  
**Starring:** Will Ferrell,  
Kevin Hart

Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart headline this Warner Bros. comedy about a wrongfully convicted investment banker who prepares for prison life with the help of the man who washes his car. Etan Cohen directs, with Ian Roberts and Jay Martel handling screenwriting duties.

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Dov Tiefenbach and Tommie-Amber Pirie star in *Pretend We're Kissing*. ERIN SIMKIN/CONTRIBUTED

# Not another rom com

CANADIAN FILM

## Character study 10 years in the making

Steve  
Gow  
For Metro

There's a reason why the creators behind *Pretend We're Kissing* are insisting the movie not be labelled a romantic comedy.

"They're considered second-rate films for the most part," said star Dov Tiefenbach during a recent interview to promote the Canadian film. "They're kind of considered date flicks or chick flicks, which is even derogatory — like chicks like bad movies. That's kind of sexist, I think."

In truth, however, the "non-rom com" from Toronto-playwright/actor-turned-director Matt Sadowski is reminiscent of such iconic romance films as *Annie Hall* or the *Before Sunrise* trilogy. A casual character study, it follows the fleeting fireworks that spark between a bashful would-be drummer (Tiefenbach) and a breezy beauty (Tommie-Amber Pirie of TV's *Bitten*) seeking a magical connection.

"It changed a lot," admitted Sadowski of the story he crafted a decade ago while cast as one of the costumed characters on cult-hit superhero show *Power Rangers S.P.D.* "Not to shake a stick at *Power Rangers* but coming from being a rising writer in the city of Toronto, and then going to do *Power Rangers*, I felt like I needed to do something more artistic. So I was like, I'm going to write a script, and this was the script."

Sadowski couldn't have predicted it would take 10 years to complete the film (which premiered across Canada on Wednesday) and, in fact, during that lengthy process, he even made another film just to keep motivated: the acclaimed documentary *Don't You Forget About Me*, an ode to legendary filmmaker John Hughes (*The Breakfast Club*).

While *Pretend We're Kissing* is certainly a long cry from a Hughes-like '80s teen comedy, it was an experience that taught Sadowski one thing.

"What I took from finding out about (Hughes) was he really just made films that he wanted to make," said Sadowski. "And I've got to say, more so than anything I've ever done, I'm most proud of this, and I hope people like it. But I like it — and that's the most important thing."

"I don't think it tarnishes my name at all. If anything, it's put me in front of an audience and created a bit of a fan base."

Director Matt Sadowski on his time acting in *Power Rangers*



## REAL LIFE ON SCREEN

### Wahlberg to produce movie about marathon bombing

CBS Films says Mark Wahlberg is set to produce *Patriots' Day*, a feature film about the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing based on Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis's first-hand account.

Matt Charman (*Bridge of Spies*) is writing the screenplay, which will span the five-day investigation and hunt to apprehend the suspects.

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# Baumbach takes a crack at screwball

## INTERVIEW

**Director serves up classic comic fare in *While We're Young***



**Ned Ehrbar**

Noah Baumbach's latest film, *While We're Young*, follows a documentary filmmaker in his 40s (Ben Stiller) and his wife (Naomi Watts) as they go down the Brooklyn hipster rabbit hole with a couple of Bushwick artist-types (Adam Driver and Amanda Seyfried). But in creating an authentically ridiculous hipster world, Baumbach had to be careful not to ape current trends for fear they'd be passé by the time the movie came out.

The natural solution? Just predict what the kids will be into next.

**My first question, I guess, is f—ing hipsters, right?**

Yeah, f—ing hipsters (laughs).



**Ben Stiller, Noah Baumbach and Adam Driver on the set of *While We're Young*.** CONTRIBUTED/ELEVATION PICTURES

From the time I started writing this script to when we shot it, the notion of hipsters in Brooklyn had already morphed and grown, and things had changed from even when I first started writing it, so I kind of was aware of the fact that to parody this specifically, I was always going to be behind it no matter what. So in a way I kind of made up my own version of

it while also using tropes and things that we're all familiar with. The way we went about it was to make it interesting to us. I wasn't sure if people were on rollerblades again yet, but I was like, "Let's just do it, and I'm sure somebody's on them."

**You could accidentally be setting the new trends.**

Yeah, exactly. "What you all

should be doing is rollerblading."

**With Adam Driver's character, you have a remarkable portrait of a charlatan — a con-artist type. How much of that is in the casting?**

There's always going to be that balance, because on the one hand, Ben falling in love with this guy is funny from the beginning even if you

don't suspect he's something other than he claims. But definitely casting Adam broadened the opportunity with that guy in that he's so compelling and he's such a physical presence and he's so charismatic and interesting. So it allowed for a lot of flexibility.

**This feels very much in the vein of classic screwball**

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**I wanted to do something consciously in a more traditional comic structure**

Noah Baumbach

**comedies, in that it's about a couple re-learning how to be together.**

Yeah, comedies of re-marriage. I wanted to do something consciously in a more traditional comic structure, and I was thinking of movies that Mike Nichols made like *Working Girl*, or Sydney Pollack with *Tootsie*, Jim Brooks with *Broadcast News*. These kinds of movies that felt like they were character comedies and relationship comedies, but there was a kind of gloss — and I mean that as a positive thing — element to them.

They had a structure, and they were sort of that era's version of these screwball comedies, which I also love, all those movies. So I was aware of that. I wanted to do my version of that.

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HEALTH

## Avril Lavigne says she has Lyme disease



Ned Ehrbar

OK, I officially feel bad about all the Nickelback jokes. Avril Lavigne has announced that she's been suffering from Lyme disease since October.

"I had no idea a bug bite could do this," Lavigne tells

People magazine. "I was bedridden for five months. I felt like I couldn't breathe, I couldn't talk and I couldn't move. I thought I was dying."

But don't worry, Lavigne says she's now "80 per cent" better and has a new outlook on life.

"This was a wake-up call," she says. "I really just want to enjoy life from here on out."

She's been recuperating at her home in Ontario with the help of her mom and her husband, Nickelback front man Chad Kroeger.

The tick-borne disease has symptoms including fever, headache and fatigue.

# Singer Joni Mitchell hospitalized in L.A.



Joni Mitchell ALL PHOTOS GETTY

BEL AIR

## Folk legend was found unconscious in her home

Joni Mitchell was in intensive care in a Los Angeles-area hospital on Tuesday, according to the Twitter account and website of the folk singer and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer.

"Joni was found unconscious in her home this afternoon," said a statement on the Mitchell website. "She is currently in intensive care undergoing tests and is awake and in good spirits."

It wasn't immediately clear what illness she had.

Los Angeles fire officials said paramedics answered an afternoon 911 call in Bel Air, where Mitchell lives, and took a patient to the hospital. But they could not verify her identity or

give details on her condition.

The 71-year-old singer-songwriter told Billboard magazine in December that she has a rare skin condition, Morgellons disease, which prevents her from performing. Still, she released a career-spanning four-disc box set last year and appeared at Clive Davis' annual pre-Grammy party in February.

Mitchell has received eight Grammy Awards, including a lifetime achievement award in 2002. She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997.

Mitchell, who was born in Fort Macleod, Alta., is also a member of the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame.

She started her career as a street musician before moving to Southern California, where she became part of the flourishing folk scene in the late 1960s.

Mitchell has released 19 original albums, the most recent in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE DAILY SHOW

## Aasif Mandvi stands up for Trevor Noah

Longtime Daily Show correspondent Aasif Mandvi says he doesn't understand the recent fuss about future host Trevor Noah's Twitter account.

"I think it's much ado about nothing," said Mandvi while speaking as part of the LinkedIn Discussion Series at the company's New York headquarters on Tuesday. "The guy made some off-colour, irresponsible tweets, but he was trying to be funny."

As for fans of the show who were hoping that Mandvi himself would be tapped to fill Jon Stewart's shoes: The 49-year-old actor insists that he never wanted the job.

"I think they wanted someone who was a new fresh face," he added. "I don't know Trevor, I've met him a couple of times and he seems like a nice guy. I trust Jon Stewart and Jon seems to want him."

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METHOD ACTING

## Jamie Dornan walks the stalk

Fifty Shades of Grey star Jamie Dornan is quickly learning that there are some things better kept to yourself during interviews. Like the fact that while prepping for his role as a creepy serial killer in BBC series The Fall, he got some hands-on experience in stalking. "The first (season), I did a couple of things to try and get inside (my character's head)," he tells the Los Angeles Times.

"I did ... can I get arrested for this? Hold on ... this is a really bad reveal — I like, followed a

woman off the train one day to see what it felt like to pursue someone like that. I really kept my distance and I was aware, it was kind of half-hearted, 'cause I was going like, 'If she turns around, is she going to notice?' She got off a few stops earlier than I was planning so I was like, 'All right, I'll have to commit to this here.'"

He then followed her several blocks, which is certainly not creepy at all, right?

"It felt kind of, like, exciting in a really, like, sort of dirty way

and I'm sort of not proud of myself. But I do honestly think I learned something from it, you know, just 'cause I obviously have never done anything like that in my life, so it was intriguing and interesting to sort of enter that process of like, what are you following her for and what are you trying to find out?"

So would you mind terribly if you turned around to discover Jamie Dornan was following you home? I mean, for purely professional reasons?

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# Mirroring the neighbourhood

CONDOMINIUMS

Unique designs pay homage to history of building sites

Megan Haynes  
For Metro

When Roland Rom Colthoff, director of Toronto-based architecture firm RAW Design, was asked to work on a midrise condo near Halifax's port, his team noticed the neighbourhood was replete with shipping containers. So they incorporated the containers into the building's design.

**Shipping containers**

The shipping containers (visible on the side of the building) celebrate, rather than conceal, the industrial heritage of the neighbourhood, he says.

"We didn't want to say 'Oh, don't worry, it's industrial, but you'll have a lovely house,'" he adds. "We wanted to say, 'It's industrial and you'll have a great place to live and show off your pride as a Haligonian.' (Condo buyers) can say 'I'm part of the port. I'm part of the community.'" The 142-unit building, expected March 2016, has sold out.

Southport is one of a number of new or recently built midrise buildings across Canada that pay homage in a unique way to the space on which they have been built, in a bid by architects and developers to create a sense of community among residents, and stand out in a crowded market.

Just look at Vancouver's King Edward Green development, which incorporates the famed Hobbit House (a picturesque fairy-tale house built in 1942) into its two-building midrise. Developer David Mooney says when a site has so much character,

“It shows we care about history and our heritage

David Mooney



The Stradbrook in Winnipeg is wrapped in glass shingles to reflect the surrounding wood-shingled houses. CONTRIBUTED



Shipping containers are incorporated in the design of the Southport midrise condo in Halifax. CONTRIBUTED



All units of the Tree House in Toronto face the courtyard to encourage interaction with neighbours. CONTRIBUTED

builders simply "have to find a way to preserve it. It shows we care about history and our heritage."

**Glass shingles**

That's not to say a condo has to conform to its historical roots to be a contextual fit for a neighbourhood, says Sasa Radulovic, founding principal and architect at Winnipeg-based 5468796 Architecture. He points to the Stradbrook midrise in Winnipeg that he and his firm worked on. Surrounded by historic wood-shingled houses, Stradbrook is wrapped in glass shingles, paying homage to its neighbours in a modern way. It creates a mirrored panelling, letting the building literally reflect its surroundings. Another 5468796 unit in Toronto features zig-zagged townhouses, meant to mirror the neighbouring suburb that, when viewed from above, looks staggered like a staircase. At the Tree House development (currently in pre-sales), all the units face the courtyard, which is meant to encourage neighbours to interact, he adds.

Condo buildings are not isolated, adds Tudor Radulescu, architect and principal at Montreal-based Kanva. Buildings (and their inhabitants) are part of neighbourhoods, and they have to be woven into the urban fabric, rather than work against it.

**Perforated steel**

He points to a project completed in 2012 in a former Montreal industrial neighbourhood, which used to specialize in steel manufacturing. To pay tribute to that heritage, and to the two-storey building's recent life as a movie and TV studio, the architects wrapped the four-storey extension in perforated steel, to give the building the illusion of a curtain.

Effectively, it fits and it's nice to live somewhere that fits, he says.

"People are realizing they can buy a condo and it doesn't have to be an anonymous 40-storey tower where you (only meet neighbours) when taking the elevator," says Rom Colthoff. "They don't want to buy square footage. They want to buy into a community."



# Store it with style

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# Mooseheads square up series

## QMJHL PLAYOFFS

### Meier tallies pair of goals in Game 4



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This time the Halifax Mooseheads held on to their lead until the final buzzer — just barely.

The Herd edged the Shawinigan Cataractes 4-3 on Wednesday night, claiming Game 4 and tying up the first-round Quebec Major Junior Hockey League series at two games apiece.

After dropping a 3-2 overtime decision to the Cats on Tuesday night, a game in which the Moose enjoyed an early 2-0 lead, the 4,079 fans at the Halifax Forum on Wednesday weren't getting their hopes up when the home team snagged another 2-0 lead in the first period.

"We sure wanted to bounce back today," import forward Timo Meier said.

## + SCHEDULE

**Game 5:** Friday, 7 p.m. at Halifax Forum

**Game 6:** Sunday, 5 p.m. at Gervais Auto Centre

**Game 7\*:** April 7, 8 p.m. at Gervais Auto Centre

\*If necessary

## GAME 4 On Wednesday

**4**  
HERD

**3**  
CATS

Defenceman Taylor Ford got it started on a point shot just over two minutes into the game, while a power play late in the first gave Meier the chance to capitalize, with help from Danny Moynihan, to make it 2-0 as time wound down on the period.

"They were both just shots, trying to keep it simple, trying to drive the net and make some simple plays," Meier said of his two goals.

His second was Halifax's fourth and final of the night.

But first Shawinigan forward Gabriel Slight narrowed the gap to 2-1 in the last minute of the opening frame.

Another Halifax power play allowed Moynihan to pop in a rebound at 4:04 in the second, with Meier and defenceman Cavan Fitzgerald helping out, but Slight again answered to make it 3-2 before the period was done.

Meier scored again at 7:26 in the third, with the Herd battling to maintain its two-goal lead, but Cataractes forward Dennis Yan was able to bang one in on a scramble out front with just over a minute left in the period.

The crowd held its collective breath as Shawinigan pulled Marvin Cupper from the net in an attempt to send the



A referee separates Halifax Mooseheads forward Kelly Bent, left, from Shawinigan Cataractes defenceman Nicholas Welsh and forward Dennis Yan during first-round QMJHL playoff action Wednesday night at the Halifax Forum. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Just one goal separates the two teams in the series. Shawinigan has tallied 12 times, Halifax 11.

game into another overtime, but the Mooseheads were able to skate away with the regulation win.

Centreman Samuel Leblanc left the game after being hit from behind in the first. He didn't return.

Halifax forward Brandon Vuic sat out for a one-game suspension after starting a fight Tuesday.

Moose goaltender Eric Brassard made 46 saves, while Cupper stopped 35 shots.

Brassard said he focused on "making saves like it was a tie game."

"We know we can beat them," he said of hitting the Halifax Forum ice

again Friday night for Game 5. "It's two good teams on the ice."



Mooseheads netminder Eric Brassard blocks a shot from Cataractes forward Gabriel Slight. JEFF HARPER/METRO



Team Canada skip Pat Simmons, right, directs his sweepers as Switzerland's Enrico Pfister looks on in Halifax on Wednesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## CURLING

# Simmons bounces back from lone loss

Canada's Pat Simmons rebounded from his first loss at the world men's curling championship by winning a pair of games Wednesday, locking up a spot in the Page playoff 1-2 game in the process.

Simmons beat Switzerland's Marc Pfister 8-4 in the morning draw and topped Scotland's Ewan MacDonald 7-1 in the evening. The Canadian team of Simmons, third John Morris, second Carter Rycroft and lead Nolan Thiessen will take an 8-1 record into the final day of round-robin play Thursday.

"I'd say we're playing a good A-game," Morris said. "But we want to get to an A-plus game."

Defending champion Thomas Ulsrud dumped Jiri Snitil of the Czech Republic 12-5 to join Canada in a first-place tie and secure the other 1-2 game berth. Ulsrud and Simmons will meet Friday night with a spot in the final on the line.

The Canadians, who suffered

their only loss to Ulsrud on Tuesday night, are hoping to return to the podium after settling for a fourth-place finish last year in Beijing.

**“**

**I'm happy to see that we bounced back**

Pat Simmons

"That's a great team and they're the defending world champions," Thiessen said. "Was it (pro wrestler) Ric Flair who said, 'To be the man, you've got to beat the man?' So that's what we've got to do."

Simmons was in form from

the start against Scotland, picking up steals in the first three ends for an early 3-0 lead. MacDonald got one back in the fourth with an open hit but Simmons answered with another single in the fifth end.

Canada took a 5-1 lead in the sixth end and the teams blanked the seventh.

MacDonald conceded after giving up a steal of two in the eighth end.

Canada will complete the round robin by playing Finland and Italy on Thursday.

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Head coach Mike Krzyzewski of the Duke Blue Devils. GETTY IMAGES

## Krzyzewski adapts to one-and-dones

### NCAA BASKETBALL

### Duke's Coach K has fostered five freshman departures

There was a time when Duke's Mike Krzyzewski led Final Four teams built around players who stayed for years to grow into tournament-tested veterans.

No longer, not in today's one-and-done world in which top players rarely stick around long.

The Blue Devils enter this week's Final Four relying on more freshman starters than John Calipari at Kentucky's NBA factory. The Blue Devils have three freshman players who face stay-or-go decisions after the season.

"What Coach K has done in my judgment, and I think

Calipari has done the same thing, they've adapted to the landscape, and they are dealing with it in a positive way," said Jay Bilas, an ESPN analyst who played on Krzyzewski's first Final Four team in 1986.

Krzyzewski, the Hall of Famer in his 35th season at Duke and the winningest coach in men's Division I history with 1,016 wins, didn't have a player go pro early for nearly two decades.

Then in 1999, two Blue Devils bolted early: Elton Brand opted to enter the draft after his sophomore season and freshman Corey Maggette became Krzyzewski's first of five one-and-done players.

Luol Deng (2004), Kyrie Irving (2011), Austin Rivers (2012) and Jabari Parker (2014) followed in Maggette's lead.

It's forced the 68-year-old Krzyzewski to adjust his approach compared to the days when Christian Laettner, Bobby Hurley and Grant Hill were four-year guys.

"It actually starts before they get here," Krzyzewski said.

"We try with the kids, especially if they commit early, to develop even a deeper relationship with them than we did 10 years ago."

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### + FINAL FOUR

Duke (33-4) vs. Michigan State (27-11), Saturday at 6:09 p.m. ET

Kentucky (38-0) vs. Wisconsin (35-3), Saturday at 8:49 p.m. ET

### IN BRIEF

#### Cross-check could lead to suspension for Byfuglien

The Winnipeg Jets may be without defenceman Dustin Byfuglien for key games in their drive for the playoffs.

Byfuglien is facing a suspension of up to five

games after delivering a vicious cross-check to the back of New York Rangers centre J.T. Miller on Tuesday night. Byfuglien will have a phone hearing with the NHL's Player Safety department on Thursday.

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### NBA

## Williams works his magic while Raptors team up to take down tame Timberwolves

Lou Williams scored 18 points to lead a balanced Toronto offence as the Raptors defeated the Minnesota Timberwolves 113-99 on Wednesday.

Six players scored at least 13 points for the Raptors, who shot 55.3 per cent from the field. DeMar DeRozan had 17 points, Terrance Ross

16, Jonas Valanciunas 15, Greivis Vasquez 14 and James Johnson chipped in 13 for Toronto.

Andrew Wiggins scored 25 points, Zach LaVine had 22 and Chase Budinger added 19 for Minnesota, which lost its fourth straight.

Toronto led by as much as 31 in the fourth quarter.

The game was tied at 24 late in the first quarter before Toronto blew it open with a 26-7 run. Vasquez, who went 4-for-5 on 3-pointers, opened the second quarter by scoring the Raptors' first eight points, and Johnson added six straight to help push Toronto's lead to 50-31.

The Timberwolves cut the

lead to 14 at the half, but the Raptors erased all doubt with a 17-4 run to open the third quarter. After hitting 10 of 19 3-pointers in the first half, the Raptors went to work inside, with Valanciunas hitting four baskets in the low post early in the third quarter.

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## RECIPE Portobello Pitas with Red Bell Pepper Hummus and Goat Cheese



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Prep time: 12

Cook time: 12

#### Directions

**1.** To make the filling: On either a barbecue or a non-stick grill pan sprayed with cooking spray, grill the mushrooms over medium-high heat for 12 minutes, turning halfway or until tender and grill marked. Spray the mushrooms with vegetable spray if they look dry. Slice into thick slices.

**2.** To make the hummus: In the bowl of a small food processor, combine the chickpeas, roasted red pepper, tahini, lemon juice, olive oil, water, garlic and chili sauce. Purée until smooth. Garnish with parsley.

**3.** Spread the inside of the pita halves with the hummus. Place half of the mushroom slices in

each pita, sprinkle with cheese, and garnish with lettuce, tomatoes and onions.

#### Ingredients

• 3 large portobello mushroom caps, wiped (stems removed)

½ cup Red Bell Pepper Hummus:

- ½ cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- ¼ cup roasted red pepper (about ½ small roasted red pepper)
- 1½ tbsp tahini (sesame seed paste)
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp water
- ½ tsp finely chopped garlic
- ½ tsp hot chili sauce
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley for garnish

#### Wraps:

- 3 medium-sized pitas, sliced in half
- ½ cup crumbled goat cheese (2 oz)
- lettuce
- sliced tomatoes
- sliced onions

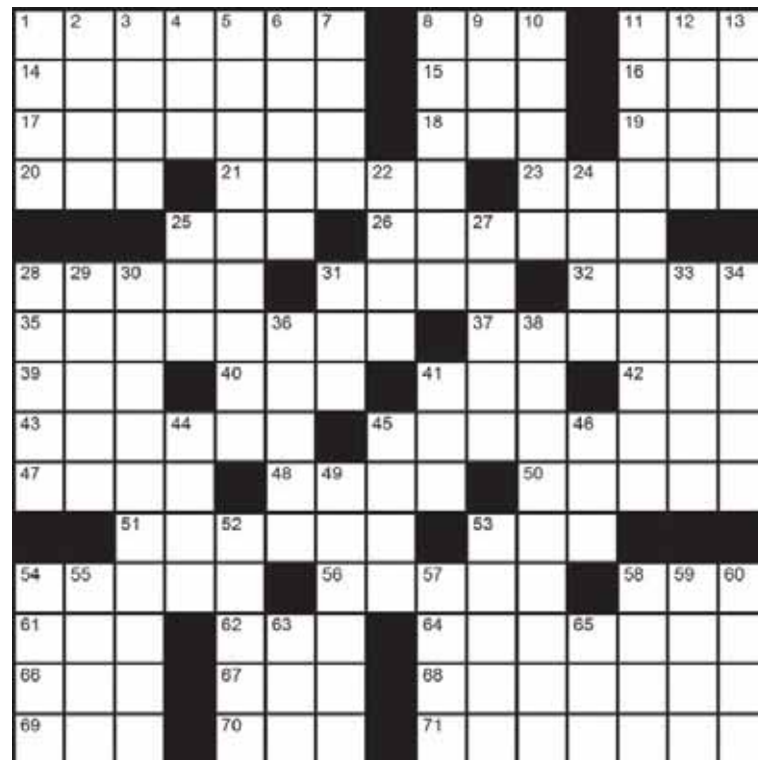
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### ACROSS

1. Ukrainian Easter egg (More at #30-Down!)
8. Texter's polite abbr.
11. Company abbr.
14. Ticklish music keys
15. Fair-hiring letters
16. Lionel Richie's "You \_"
17. Measure of quality/excellence
18. South: French
19. "Glee" character
20. 'Meth' suffix
21. Actress Sonia
23. Enroll
25. Guileful
26. Earthy pigments
28. Fleetwood Mac's Christine
31. South Dakota dam
32. Town, colloquially
35. Restaurant kitchen VIP's uniform part: 2 wds.
37. Unclose again
39. \_ and Magog (Hostile nations in Revelation)
40. 'To hear' in Spanish
41. Little: French
42. Ms. Zadora
43. Wayward
45. Eggs one day, perhaps
47. Paradise
48. Company dept. heads
50. Abrasive
54. Hangout for grapes
53. Ms. Wray
54. Guitarist



- Mr. Richards
56. Certain ISP user
58. Grand \_ (Wine designation)
61. Cobbler's tool
62. Gossip columnist Ms. Smith
64. Baltimore \_ (MLB team)
66. Address book no.

67. Yalie
68. Painted-ceiling Chapel for Michelangelo
69. Poet's 'before'
70. Riddle-me-\_\_
71. Body decorations

### DOWN

1. Type size
2. Hockey great

- Mr. Cournoyer
3. Fish kind
4. Jackie O's hubby
5. Consumes food, bunny rabbit style: 2 wds.
6. "Scandal" star Ms. Washington
7. On the Pacific
8. Passover
9. Mr. Reed

10. As per #8-Down... when The Four Questions are asked
11. The \_ \_ (Late-1490s masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci)
12. Unfeigned
13. Red \_ , Alberta
22. Capricorn animal

24. Biblical mount
25. Wife of Thor
27. Whitesnake's " \_ \_ Go Again"
28. Janis Joplin's "Me and Bobby \_"
29. Something strummed
30. Alberta town which is home to the largest #1-Across in the world
31. Paddle
33. Horserider's hold-ees
34. Grind teeth
36. Pat Benatar's " \_ \_ with Your Best Shot" (Trivia! It was written by Canadian musician Eddie Schwartz)
38. Holy Communion
41. Acidity measures, commonly
44. Have \_ \_ to pick
45. Prefix that's 'Freezing'
46. Round Table knight
49. Santa Maria delle \_ (Milan church where the mural at #11-Down is located)
52. Edmonton Oiler, e.g.
53. Hair dye brand
54. Ms. Hudson
55. Spouted water container
57. Confused
58. Muse of history
59. Vegas alternative
60. Functions
63. Island: French
65. Baseball's Mel

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**♈ Aries** March 21 - April 20  
The Sun's alliance with Jupiter today means you will come up with a solution to a problem before others even realize that a problem exists. It's an advantage, personally and professionally.

**♉ Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You will say the right thing in the right way today, especially when dealing with people in positions of power. However, you don't need to boast, they will learn over the next few days.

**♊ Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You will find it easy to convince others to agree with you over the next 24 hours, not because you are forceful but because you know what words push what buttons for maximum effect.

**♋ Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Something unexpected will happen today, something that comes at you out of the blue. It may be annoying if it disrupts your plans but you won't be negative about it for long.

**♌ Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You don't need to justify what you believe or what you are doing to anyone. Fortunately, with your ruler the Sun linked to Jupiter in your sign today no one will question you. They simply won't dare!

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Don't wait for others to make decisions for you: make them yourself and, if anyone disapproves, so what? Anyone who thinks you can be intimidated is in for the shock of their lives.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You may have no idea how you reach certain conclusions today but don't doubt them for a moment. Your mind is open on a much higher level now, insights are to be expected.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
If ever there was a right time to try something new that time is now. You are more adventurous than a lot of people give you credit for. Be bold.

**♐ Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Today's link between the Sun and your ruling planet Jupiter means you can get away with almost anything. No, that is not an invitation to break the law but you can push the boundaries a bit.

**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

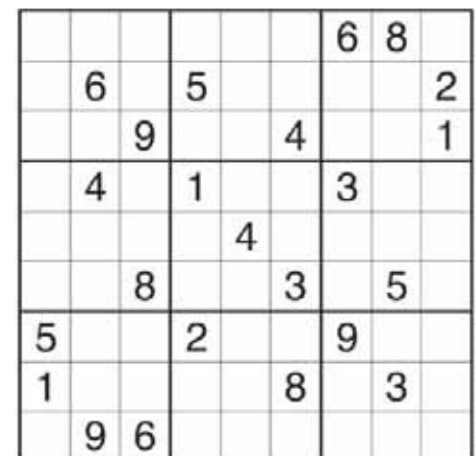
The more others say you should be careful the more determined you will be to take some kind of risk. Are you right or are they right? You will have fun finding out.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Your confidence in your own abilities today will be on a different level than everyone else. The Sun's link with Jupiter means you no longer know what the word "cannot" means. You can do anything.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
If you are finding it hard to make up your mind about something then don't force it. Others may be pushing you to make a quick decision but only because it benefits them in some way

### CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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